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Minister's Message

Once again, in the years here reviewed, both the range and effectiveness of social services programs and supports for deserving Nova Scotians have been improved and distributed. This achievement is noteworthy because it comes at a time when separations and distance tax the capacities of governments and greatly-valued private, voluntary, church and community organizations.

Total operating expenditures of the Nova Scotia Department of Social Services now amount to $293 million a year, more than double the $146 million of 1979-80, the equivalent of 91 cents per capita per day.

We are grateful to many volunteer citizens and skilled professionals who contribute, with taxpayers, to the fabric and quality of Nova Scotia life. We believe that 91 cents a day is being responsively and effectively utilized to the service of deserving Nova Scotians.

Edmund L. Morris

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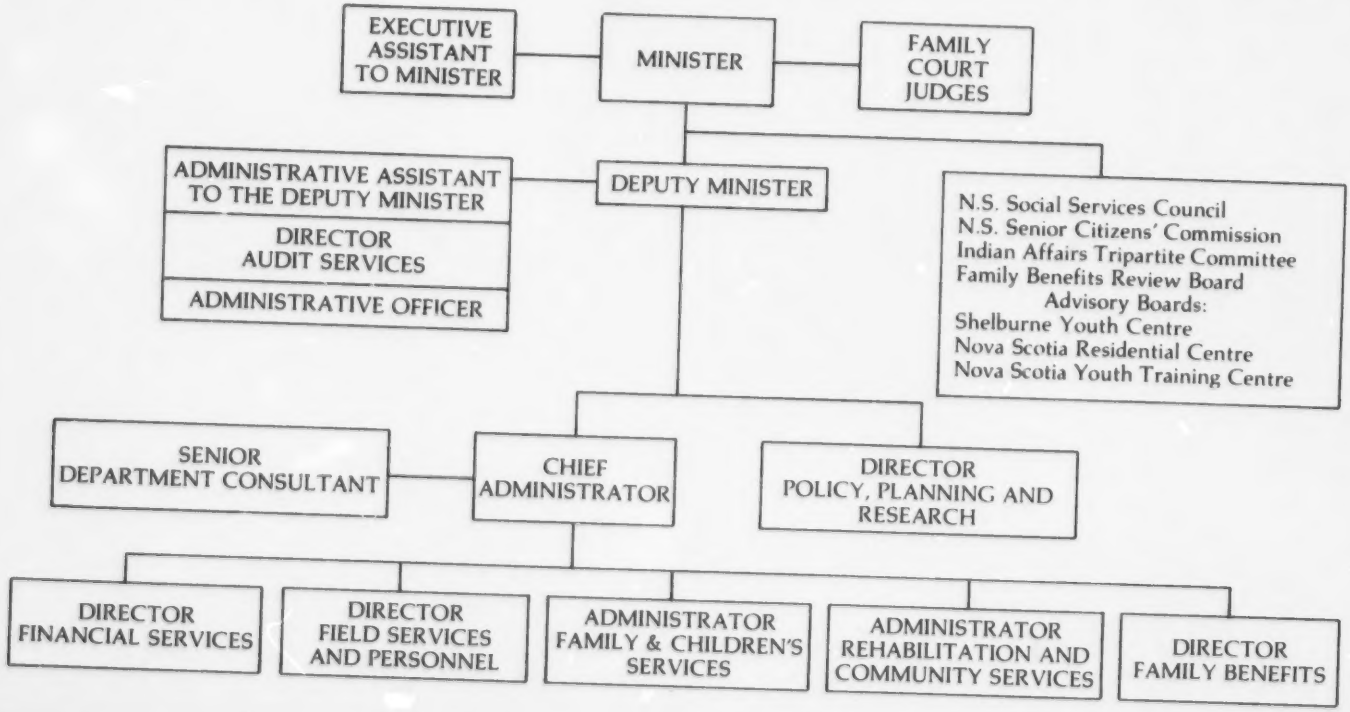

Ministers **who have served the Department since its beginning are as follows:**

Frank Roy Davis	1933-1948
Lauchlin David Currie	1948-1949
Alexander Hugh MacKinnon	1949-1950
Harold Connolly	1950-1954
Geoffrey Stevens	1954-1955
J. Clyde Nunn	1955-1956
Richard Donahoe	1956-1958
Malcolm Leonard	1958-1960
W.S.K. Jones	1960-1964
James M. Harding	1964-1968
Percy Gaum	1968-1969
Gordon A. Tidman	1969-1970
Allan E. Sullivan	1970-1972
William Gillis	1972-1973
Harold Huskilson	1973-1976
Bill MacEachern	1976-1978
Jack MacIsaac	1978-1979
Laird Stirling	1979-1981
Edmund L. Morris	1981-

Deputy Ministers **who have served the Department since its beginning are as follows:**

Ernest H. Blois	Deputy Head	1933-1944
	Deputy Minister	1944-1947
Hiram S. Farquhar	Deputy Head	1947-1959
Fred R. MacKinnon	Deputy Head	1947-1959
	Deputy Minister	1959-1980
John Angus MacKenzie	Deputy Minister	1980-1985
Gwen Pickering	Deputy Minister	1985-1986
Carmen Moir	Deputy Minister	1986-

Mr. Carmen Moir, Deputy Minister, Department of Social Services

Staff of Deputy Minister

Recent Developments in Social Services

- An historic agreement to establish a Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency was finalized and signed.
- The 1986 Speech from the Throne provided for a Special Committee of Deputy Ministers to study and to report to government on a comprehensive home care program.
- A Task Force on Family and Children's Services was established in November 1985, and a final report will be submitted to the Minister of Social Services at the end of 1986. It will be followed by the first-ever Nova Scotia Conference on the Family, in June 1987.
- A new Halifax Family Court was opened in the former Richmond School. Judge Darryl W. Wilson was appointed an additional Family Court Judge in Cape Breton. Judge David Milner was appointed Family Court Judge in Amherst. Judge Margaret Stewart was appointed Family Court Judge in Kentville.
- The Department, in co-operation with the Solicitor General of Canada, identified seven regions within the province in which to establish community development programs for young offenders, including alternative measures, community service, fine option, volunteer program and public information.
- Development of two 10-bed, community open-custody and remand-assessment centres—one in industrial Cape Breton and the other in the Halifax-Dartmouth area—was approved.
- The Department of Social Services and National Health and Welfare Canada co-sponsored a multimedia campaign entitled "Wife Battering: Let's Break the Silence!"

Community Service Awards

The Community Service Award was instituted in 1977 to give recognition to individuals and organizations providing voluntary service to their communities. To date, there have been 146 recipients of the award.

The following recipients were honoured on April 10, 1986:

Dr. Don Bezanson, Kentville
Mrs. Stella Carvery, Halifax
Mrs. Jennie Cruickshank, Sherbrooke
Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County
Mr. John G. Glassey, Truro
Mr. Clifford A. Miller, Middleton
Reverend A.D. "Bill" Newell, Yarmouth
Mrs. Thelma Nobrega, Sydney
Mr. Bruce Oakes, Bridgewater
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peters, Bedford
Mrs. Margaret C. Pothier, Inverness
Royal Canadian Legion, Spryfield, Branch 152
Mr. Frederick G. Scott, Sydney
Mr. Lloyd E. Smith, Windsor
Mr. Reginald Wyer, Baddeck

Premier John Buchanan and Honourable Edmund L. Morris and recipients of the Community Service Awards, 1986

Social Services Advisory Boards

Nova Scotia Social Services Council

Reverend Vincent Ihasz, Chairman
Miss Bessie Harris, M.S.W., Executive Secretary

The Nova Scotia Social Services Council is a citizen advisory committee to the Minister of Social Services in its fourteenth year of operation. With 15 members, excluding the Chairman, the Council is representative of several geographical areas within the province. Members are of varying backgrounds and interests.

Six Council meetings and seven Executive meetings were held during 1985-86. Two of the meetings were held outside the Halifax area: one in Shelburne and the other in Sydney. Council used every opportunity throughout the year to meet with community agencies and organizations, and with staff members of the Department of Social Services, all of whom spoke to Council members about a social program of specific interest.

Subcommittees of Council energetically worked on three areas: the Badgley Report, infant stimulation, and a submission to the Task Force on Family and Children's Services. Reports prepared by these subcommittees were well received by Council. The reports on the Badgley Report and on infant stimulation were forwarded to the Minister of Social Services for his review.

A major project in relation to foodbanks was undertaken with the assistance of a staff member from the Policy, Planning and Research Division of the Department. In an effort to determine the nature and extent of in-kind services being provided by foodbanks, community organizations and churches, the Council surveyed a number of these services in the metropolitan area of Halifax/Dartmouth. Results of the survey were tabulated and an informational report was prepared for the Minister.

Council also pursued its interests in many other areas and investigated such programs and concepts as a guaranteed annual income, adult protection, wife abuse, foster care for children, housing for the poor and Homes for the Aged. Members also completed their compilation of resource information on volunteerism.

At the invitation of the Minister, the Council selected the Chairman as its representative on the Minister's Committee on Family Violence.

Fiscal 1985/86 was a very active and productive year for the Council.

Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission

Mr. Jack Glassey, Chairman
Mr. Allan Clark, Co-ordinator

The Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission was established in 1972 under the Senior Citizens' Social Services Act. The Commission consists of 19 private citizens, many of them seniors, who come from all parts of the province and are appointed by the Executive Council for three years or for a shorter term. Representatives from the departments of Education, Health, and Culture, Recreation and Fitness, and from the Senior Citizens' Secretariat also participate in Commission meetings, bringing the total membership to 23.

The mandate of the Commission is to:

- conduct, direct and promote fact-finding studies and research related to aging
- seek out and encourage people interested in providing voluntary services to citizen groups concerned with aging
- promote new activities and social services for senior citizens through voluntary agencies and all levels of government

- review existing legislation and government programs and make recommendations as to how these may be improved to provide better services for senior citizens, and
- provide any duties assigned by the Governor-in-Council or the Minister of Social Services.

During the 1985/86 fiscal year, the Commission met on five occasions and the Executive met four times. Some of the activities undertaken by the Commission during the year were:

- regional meetings and workshops with councils and senior clubs in Clare at the University of Ste. Anne, in Springhill and in Sydney
- a very successful post-retirement seminar at Greenwich in June, and
- a report and recommendations presented to the Minister of Social Services on meetings with university presidents and staff on gerontology.

Mrs. Virginia Walzak, Secretary, Deputy Minister's Section

Social Services

Family and Children's Services Division

W.D. Greatorex, R.S.W., Administrator

Each of the four program areas of the Family and Children's Division is organized as a separate section with its own director. The four sections are:

- Family and Children's Services
- Day Care Services
- Homemakers Services, and
- Young Offenders Services.

Briefly, the Family and Children's Services Section is responsible for traditional child-welfare services, including child protection services, children in care and custody, adoption services, and services to single parents. In four counties and the City of Dartmouth, these programs are provided by department staff; throughout the remainder of the province, private children's services agencies are responsible for the delivery of these services (see Tables 1 and 2).

The Day Care Services Section is responsible for the licensing of all preschool programs caring for four or more children, and for administering the subsidy program that is available to families placing children in registered centres.

Staff of Family and Children's Services Division

The Homemakers Services Section is responsible for the support and monitoring of the homemakers services across Nova Scotia and for the administration of the grants which the province makes available to such organizations.

The Young Offenders Services Section oversees the services provided to children who have been charged under the Young Offenders Act and supervises the operation of the Shelburne Youth Centre. It is also responsible for the non-legal services of the Family Court (i.e., enforcement, intake, and counselling) where available.

A few highlights for the Family and Children's Services Division that occurred during the 1985/86 fiscal year:

- Most significant was the change in role of the two former training schools: the Nova Scotia School for Boys and the Nova Scotia School for Girls.

  The Nova Scotia School for Boys became known as the Shelburne Youth Centre on September 9, 1985, and now serves solely as an open and secure custody young-offenders facility for both boys and girls who are committed by the Youth Court for offences which occur while they are between 12 and 15 years of age inclusive.

  The former Nova Scotia School for Girls assumed the title of the Nova Scotia Residental Centre on September 9, 1985, and became a child caring facility for adolescents in care who are

experiencing serious behaviour and adjustment problems and, according to the review of the Admissions Committee, are likely to benefit from the program offered. This facility is also designated to receive children committed under Section 55 of the Children's Services Act.

- The Halifax Family Court relocated to the former Richmond School facility in November 1985.
- An agreement was signed between the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Minister of Social Services, and the Indian Bands of Nova Scotia, bringing into effect the Micmac Family & Children's Services Agency, which will eventually provide children's services to all Reserves throughout the province.

  At present, Native workers are being trained at the Maritime School of Social Work and are working with established agencies to provide non-legislated children's services. It is anticipated that the new Micmac agency will assume responsibility for legislated services prior to April 1, 1987.
- The Minister of Social Services announced the establishment of a Task Force on Family and Children's Services that will study all aspects of the program and report to the Minister by December 31, 1986. The recommendations of the task force are to be prioritized and will include the efforts of six working groups dealing with the following areas:
  1. program administration
  2. foster care and adoption services
  3. services to families
  4. adolescent services and residential facilities
  5. child abuse and family violence, and
  6. legislation.
- The appointment of the Interdepartmental Committee of Deputy Ministers to study the matter of home care may make a significant impact on the homemakers services provided through the Family and Children's Services Division in the years to come.

Family and Children's Services Section

Trevor Townsend, M.S.W., Director

The Family and Children's Services Section is responsible for providing the following services: protection services, services to children in care and custody, child caring facilities, services to unmarried mothers, adoption services, family counselling services, and transition houses.

Task Force on Family and Children's Services

In November 1985, the Minister of Social Services announced a Task Force on Family and Children's Services. The task force is co-chaired by Bessie Harris, Director of the Policy, Planning and Research Division of the Department of Social Services, and Dr. David Stevenson of Truro, past-president of the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County.

Members of the task force are Darrell Pink, President of the Children's Aid Society of Halifax; Norman Stubbington, President of the Federation of Foster Parent Associations of Nova Scotia; Mrs. Sandra MacNeil, nominated by the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour; William Greatorex, Administrator of Family and Children's Services; Mrs. Martha Crowe, Administrative Officer, Department of Social Services; Miss Rosemary Rippon, Consultant, Family and Children's Services; and Michael Craig, Senior Consultant, Department of Social Services.

The terms of reference for the task force are: "The task force will review the present philosophy, range and delivery of social services to families and children in Nova Scotia and, taking into account the best current thinking in other jurisdictions and its applicability to Nova Scotia and the task force's perception of further service needs, make recommendations, in order of priority, to the Minister of Social Services for further actions, appropriate for the balance of the 1980s."

In fulfilling its task, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the task force was asked to:

1. assess existing services which assist children to remain with their natural families where there is need for external intervention, and recommend further supports and services which are desirable to better serve families and children requiring help within the family unit,
2. review existing foster care, adoption and post-adoption programs, and recommend appropriate strengthening,
3. review the requirements and functions of publicly supported care facilities for children and make recommendations for future action in this area, giving attention to existing facilities, the need for new facilities, and such matters as programs, staffing patterns and physical plants,
4. review efforts in prevention, detection and services in the areas of family crisis, family violence, and child abuse and neglect, including the registration of child abuse, insofar as such matters come within the purview of the Department of Social Services,

5. examine the administrative mechanism and structure used to deliver services to families and children, including particularly the role, unique position and future arrangements with children's aid societies and family and children's services agencies; the role of other publicly supported private agencies; joint services arrangements; funding formulas for private family and children's services agencies; and fiscal arrangements with other levels of government respecting family and children's services,
6. examine current and prospective caseload sizes and personnel requirements in each program area and make recommendations for appropriate responses,
7. assess social services provided for and to young adolescents to encourage and support them within family settings,
8. examine the utility of a provincial charter of rights for children,
9. in line with the recommendations of the Task Group on Homes for Special Care (1984), examine the way in which services to mentally handicapped children currently relate to services to families and children and comment upon their future relationship,
10. although not intended to conduct a detailed review of or to make detailed recommendations in the area of day-care facilities, which are to be considered in detail by a separate task force in 1986, to generally review and recommend on the linkages of child care with family and children's services,
11. review legislation for which the Family and Children's Services Division of the Department of Social Services is responsible, with primary attention to the Children's Services Act; as well, examine and comment upon legislative, regulatory or policy changes necessary to implement its recommendations, and
12. generally review the responsibilities of parents to children and children to parents, and make recommendations to the Minister on ways to strengthen the family unit in Nova Scotia.

In carrying out its terms of reference, the task force was empowered to establish any working groups and subcommittees it considered necessary. It was intended that the task force carry out and complete its task in 1986 so its final report may be distributed and be the subject of responses at a Nova Scotia Conference on the Family to be held in mid-1987.

Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency

In 1985 a new Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency was formed to provide child welfare services on Indian Reserves. At the

present time, the Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency does not have a mandate to provide legislated services. Once the agency is fully established and its staff is trained in child protection services, a schedule for handing over legislated services to the agency will be developed. An Indian Child Welfare Committee was formed, made up of two representatives from the Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, two Indian chiefs from the Micmac Bands and two representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Social Services. This committee is responsible for monitoring and assisting in the development of the Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency over the period of the tripartite agreement.

Protection Services

Thirteen private agencies and five district offices of the Department of Social Services provide protection services under the Children's Services Act.

Protection services are the backbone of Family and Children's Services. The overall priority and philosophy of this service is to keep families together while protecting children from abuse and neglect. The better the protection services provided in the community, the fewer the children who will be taken into care.

A Child Abuse Register has been established since 1976. Under the Children's Services Act, anyone knowing of a child who appears to be in need of protection must report the situation to a local child-caring agency. Once this report is investigated by the agency, and the abuse is substantiated, the case is placed on the Child Abuse Register. The goal is to protect the children involved and to help parents meet their obligations to their children. During the calendar year 1985, 314 cases were reported to the Child Abuse Register. Of these, 237 cases were recorded: 166 female and 71 male. Of those recorded in the register, 39 were under three years of age, 33 were between four and six years of age, 100 were between seven and twelve years of age, and 55 were between twelve and sixteen years of age. In 99 instances of child abuse, where the perpetrator was identified, criminal charges were laid. (See Table 3.)

Children in Care and Custody

The care and custody program involves planning for and supervising children whose legal guardianship has been transferred from the natural parent(s) to a children's aid society, a family and children's services agency or the Minister of Social Services through the Family

Court. Approximately 836 children were placed in foster homes. In many cases, children were returned to their natural parent(s) when the parents were better able to provide for them. In other cases, when a family reunion was impossible, children were placed for adoption.

In 1985-86, 71 children in care and custody were legally adopted. The younger the child is when coming into permanent care and custody, the greater the likelihood the child will be placed in an adoptive home. The effort is to place a child in as permanent a home as possible. Unfortunately, the older the child is when coming into care, the less the chance that an adoptive home will be found. At the present time in Nova Scotia, approximately 80% of the children in permanent care and custody are over the age of 10.

Over the last few years, the Department of Social Services has emphasized permanency planning for children in care and custody. The importance of planning for the child immediately upon his or her removal from the natural family is recognized. Once an agency feels a child cannot return to the natural family, the next preferred course is adoption. If adoption does not seem feasible because of the age of the child or health problems, the next preferred option is a permanent life plan with a foster family. The Department of Social Services hopes that the "child drift syndrome" within the child care system will be totally eliminated through this approach.

Children in care and custody are supported through the Department of Social Services by maintenance payments according to age:

Age	Monthly Board
0-9	$213
10-19	246

The monthly board is paid to foster parents. In addition, foster parents receive a clothing allowance three times a year:

Age	Amount	Yearly
0-4	$115	$345
5-9	195	585
10+	228	684

When a child has additional needs because of medical, emotional or dental problems, the Department may provide additional money for these purposes. Special needs are determined and paid on an individual basis as required.

Child Caring Facilities

There are 17 privately operated child-caring facilities in the province, and 3 additional facilities are operated by the Department of Social Services. On September 9, 1985, the Nova Scotia Residential Centre in Truro was established. The centre provides a specialized, structured environment and program for children 10-15 years old inclusive who have behaviour and adjustment problems.

This open, group-living facility's program is designed to enhance the social adjustment and educational functioning of each child by helping the child to develop the necessary internal controls to function in the community; teaching the child to accept responsibility for his or her behaviour; providing clearly defined goals and expectations based on the child's needs; and providing a nurturing, caring environment with empathy, guidance and support where the child can develop a positive self-image.

The ultimate goal of the centre is to prepare each child to make a satisfactory adjustment upon return to the community.

The Nova Scotia Residential Centre was established by utilizing the old Nova Scotia School for Girls. The staff at the residential centre thus have had a major shift in their focus because the centre (1) moved from a custodial model to a treatment model and (2) became co-educational. Because the residential centre is now under the Children's Services Act, all girls in conflict with the law and committed to an institution are sent to the Shelburne Youth Centre, which was previously the Nova Scotia School for Boys.

The operating costs of the 17 privately operated child-caring facilities are covered approximately 100% by the Department of Social Services and the municipalities. Programs for the children vary with each facility and an attempt is made to place the child in a facility with a program that meets his or her needs. As of March 31, 1986, there were approximately 160 children placed in child caring facilities. (See Table 4 and Chart 1.)

Services to Unmarried Mothers

Services are provided to single parents to help them plan for themselves and their children before or after the birth of a child. A range of services are provided to ensure that the health, social and emotional needs of the single parent and child are met. In general, the mother's needs for service are more acute than the father's because of the physical and psychological aspects of pregnancy and the legal responsibilities she carries for the child. Consequently, the

services offered to the single parent are primarily geared towards meeting the needs of the mother and her child.

A comprehensive service to single parents touches upon the present (the crisis of the pregnancy and what to do about it), the past (the circumstances that led to the pregnancy) and the future (how best to plan for the child and parent).

The single-parent worker assists single parents to move through the crisis by drawing upon their personal strength.

Children's aid societies, family and children's services agencies, the Department of Social Services, the Home of the Guardian Angel and the Antigonish Diocesan Charities provided such services on a confidential basis to approximately 835 unmarried mothers in 1986. Homes providing facilities to unmarried mothers are the Home of the Guardian Angel (Halifax), Bethany Home for Girls (Halifax) and Parkdale House (Sydney). (See Table 5.)

Adoption Services

Nineteen social agencies provide adoption services in Nova Scotia. These include 13 children's aid societies and family and children's services agencies, 4 District Offices of the Department of Social Services, and 2 child-placing agencies operated under the auspices of the Catholic dioceses of Halifax and Antigonish.

The Department of Social Services also provides an Atlantic Adoption Exchange in Halifax where the registry of special-needs children needing adoption homes, and approved adopting families wanting children, is maintained.

In 1986, there were 502 adoptions: 264 boys and 238 girls. The number of healthy infants available for adoption is declining, with an increase in the need for adoption homes for special-needs children.

The Department of Social Services also maintains an adoption register for adoptees searching for their natural parents. The adoption register operates on a passive basis: adoptees, adoptive parents and natural parents can write in, seeking information. Only non-identifying information will be provided unless the birth parent and adoptee have both indicated their interest in establishing contact. A discreet inquiry is permitted when there is a medical or psychiatric need to know or if the adoptee was legitimate at birth. In 1985-86, approximately 772 post-adoption inquiries were received. Effective January 1, 1984, any person's adoption finalized after that date will have the right to a discreet inquiry upon reaching the age of majority plus one year. (See Table 6 and Charts 2 and 3.)

Family Counselling Services

Funding in the form of grants is provided for the family counselling programs by the Department of Social Services and the Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia in the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria and Cape Breton and to the Association for Family Life in the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, and in Halifax County. These counselling services are used heavily to augment protection services. Family counselling services are funded in children's aid societies and family and children's services agencies in Lunenburg, Annapolis and Truro.

Transition Houses

The Department provides assistance to transition houses for battered women. The houses are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provide temporary safe shelter for physically and emotionally battered women and their children. Staff offer support, counselling, and advocacy services and refer the residents to a wide range of community services.

Beginning January 1, 1983, the Department initiated an ongoing financial formula providing the houses with 75% of their approved budgets.

Transition House	Capacity	Staffing Ratio	1985 Approved Budget	75%
Bryony	24	9.0	$271,565	$203,674
Cape Breton	20	7.2	171,468	128,601
Tearman	15	6.0	144,942	108,706
Juniper	15	5.8	134,543	100,907
Chrysallis	15	6.0	142,780	107,085
South Shore Transition House Association (pending)	15	—	—	—

Honourable Edmund L. Morris presenting a license for Guysborough Family Day Care to Ms. Nancy Wright, Chairperson, and Ms. Karen Roberts, Director

Day Care Services

Greg Gammon, M.S.W., Director

Day Care Services is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Day Care Act of 1978 and its regulations. This includes the licensing, monitoring and development of all day care facilities for children, both full-day and part-day programs, throughout Nova Scotia (see Table 7). The result of this program is the provision of services pertinent to "a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development apart from the child's parents or guardian" (Day Care Act of 1978, 2[a]).

This service also processes applications for families who are applying for day care assistance, and provides subsidy payments to the 46 registered day care centres in Nova Scotia. Currently, 1,910 subsidized spaces are provided for children of families who qualify for financial assistance based on their social and economic need. On March 31, 1986, 1,675 families were receiving day care assistance for their children, who were enrolled in registered day care centres in the province.

As of March 31, 1986, 46 registered day care centres and 245 privately operated day care facilities, both full-day and part-day, were licensed under the Day Care Act and Regulations (see Table 8). Twenty-eight new, privately operated facilities received a license from the Minister of Social Services enabling them to provide day care for young children.

Besides the subsidy payments provided to the 46 registered day care facilities on behalf of the families who qualify for day care assistance, the Department provides a grant to the 33 child development centres, which are included in the total number of licensed facilities. The grant is to a maximum of 50% of their operating expenses, based on the proportion of economically disadvantaged children attending the centre. (See Chart 4.)

Child Development Services Training Program

Child Development Services is a joint endeavour of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education, to provide training for anyone wishing to have a special qualification as a worker with young children in day care facilities. Through the leadership of Dr. Jane Norman and her staff, the program is offered at the Nova Scotia Teachers' College in Truro, and at the Froebel Resource Centre in Princeport, Colchester County. The program has three facets:

1. A two-year on-campus program, which in 1985-86 had a registration of 116 in the first year and 93 in the second year, for a total enrolment of 209 students—an increase of 29 from the previous year.
2. An extension program consisting of one evening a week within the student's own community, co-ordinated by a graduate of the program, and Saturday sessions at the Froebel Resource Centre. The extension program operated in 16 locations throughout Nova Scotia as well as at the Froebel Resource Centre. During the past year, there were 35 weekly evening sessions within the respective communities, and 15 Saturday sessions at the Froebel Resource Centre. The extension program of September 1985 had 25 students registered, an increase of 50 students from the previous year.
3. The Atlantic Summer School for Child Care, a 14-day program in June at the Froebel Resource Centre and the Nova Scotia Teachers' College, which is an enrichment program for staff employed in day care facilities, nursery schools, and preschoolers

programs and is a requirement for students enrolled in Level IV of the extension program.

The program of June 1985 had 120 registered students. The summer school staff included world-renowned professors in the field of early childhood education from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, who provided seminars and led group workshops.

The June 1985 program was the ninth summer school program of Child Development Services to provide individuals with an opportunity to develop skills and better understand the young child. The Princeport Play Group played an integral role in the program, providing participants with an opportunity to put theory into practice.

Three of the seminar titles were "Poetry with Young Children," presented by Ms. Joan Cass, formerly of the Institute of Education, London University, England; "Basics in Preschool Programming," presented by Dr. Gordon Eade, professor at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, USA; and "The Development of the Young Child," taught by Alice Yardley, formerly of Nottingham University, England.

Homemakers Services

A. Stewart Brown, R.S.W., Director

Under the Homemakers Services Act and Regulations, 44 Homemakers Services programs have been established. Twenty-four programs are delivered through municipal social service departments, 8 through children's aid societies and 12 through the sponsorship of non-profit, board-managed community agencies. The impact of the program as a resourceful social service and integral component of comprehensive family and children's services continues to be evident through the Department's ongoing program reviews and visits to agencies.

The year 1985-86 was a busy one, with the broadening of traditional homemakers services under the Home Life Supports Program and the establishing of demonstration projects to stimulate and develop voluntary services for families with senior and/or physically disabled members. A large step has been taken by the Department in the direction of developing comprehensive home care, which eventually will include co-ordinated activities with other departments of government, and community organizations.

In the 1986 Speech from the Throne, provision was made for the striking of an Interdepartmental Committee of Deputy Ministers that, with delegated staff members, will be obliged to report to the provincial government on the status of comprehensive home care in Nova Scotia and the implications for the government of expanded or additional programs. This has great significance for the existing Homemakers Services Program and the manner in which it must interface with other home-based services provided by the provincial government. The Division already has begun to make input into the work and study of this special committee.

Approximately 5,000 persons over the age of 65 years enjoyed the services of both homemakers and home-life supports programs as of March 31, 1986. The consumers of homemakers services in the senior age range (65+) continues to be high, about 85% (see Table 9).

The financial commitment of the Government of Nova Scotia to the development of the Homemakers Services Program over the eight years since its establishment in 1978 has been encouraging, and the following is a record of this:

Year	Budget
1978	$ 200,000
1979-80	878,000
1980-81	1,286,000
1981-82	1,914,600
1982-83	1,769,300
1983-84	1,875,500
1984-85	2,038,700
1985-86	2,900,000

The Family Court

The Family Court of Nova Scotia provides a forum for hearing legal matters related to family issues such as family maintenance, family violence and child protection. It is also a youth court, hearing matters involving young people charged under the Young Offenders Act (Canada) or the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act (Nova Scotia). Although the Family Court is a court of record, it is not open to the public except for matters heard under the Young Offenders Act.

Family Court Judges hear matters under the following legislation:

Judge Margaret Stewart, Judge of the Family Court, Kentville.

- Family Maintenance Act
- Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- Children's Services Act
- Young Offenders Act (Canada)
- Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act (Nova Scotia)
- Employment of Children's Act
- Adult Protection Act
- Section 168 of the Criminal Code respecting people who endanger the morals of children
- Section 197 of the Criminal Code regarding people who fail to provide the necessities of life for children under the age of 16 or for a spouse
- Sections 245, 745, 746 and 666 of the Criminal Code dealing with common assaults or threats involving husband and wife or parent and child
- Infants' Custody Act
- sections of the Solemnization of Marriage Act relating to the performance of marriage and also to people under the age of 16 who wish to marry, and
- other acts or matters as the Governor-in-Council may from time to time approve.

The Family Court may also hear applications to vary divorce orders which are registered with the Family Court and may recommend

changes respecting maintenance, custody and access to the Supreme Court.

At present, 14 Judges sit on the Family Court Bench. Although Judges are authorized to hold proceedings throughout the province, it is customary for each Judge to be assigned a particular geographical area:

W. Marshall Black (Chief Judge)	—Annapolis, Kings, Hants counties
J. Vernon MacDonald	—Cape Breton and Victoria counties
Robert Ferguson	—Cape Breton and Richmond counties
Darrell W. Wilson	—Cape Breton and Inverness counties
Robert White	—Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou counties
Raymond Bartlett	—Dartmouth; Colchester, Hants counties
Elizabeth Roscoe	—Halifax
Robert Butler	—Halifax
Louis E. Moir	—Halifax
Timothy Daley	—Halifax
Paul S. Neidermayer	—Dartmouth and Lunenburg County
John D. Comeau	—Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Digby counties
David Milner	—Cumberland and Colchester counties
Margaret Stewart	—Annapolis and Kings counties

During the fiscal year there were three new appointments to the Family Court Bench: Margaret Stewart, David Milner and Darrell W. Wilson. With sincere sympathy it is noted that Judge T. Daniel Tramble, appointed as Family Court Judge in 1974, passed away on September 24, 1985.

Services attached to the Court are administered by Family and Children's Services Division Administrator Bill D. Greatorex and Director John T. MacKinnon. These services are the responsibility of the five regional administrators of the Department and are under the day-to-day supervision of a Family Court supervisor, district supervisors, casework supervisors and senior Family Court officers.

See Table 10 for the Family Court statistics for fiscal 1985/86.

Intake Services

Intake services determine and assess the nature of a problem and initiate appropriate action. In the three Court centres of Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney, intake services are provided by intake social workers. In the other areas of the province, Family Court officers are primarily responsible for intake.

Counselling Services

Short-term counselling is offered to clients of the Family Court at intake or on referral by Judges of the Court, through staff initiatives or by other social agencies. Families or individuals requiring long-term counselling services are referred to appropriate services in the community.

Enforcement Services

Orders by Judges for maintenance (payment of financial support from one spouse to the other) may be enforced through the Family Court. Conditions of maintenance in divorce orders that have been registered in the Family Court may also be enforced in the Family Court. If maintenance payments are not made, the Court may, by letter, summons or warrant, require the defaulting person to appear before the Court to explain why he or she did not make the payment. The Judge has the power to garnish wages in some instances, to order that the defaulting person pay larger amounts to cover money in arrears or, as a last resort, to impose a jail term for non-payment. In certain circumstances the Judge may order that arrears be excused or that the order be varied, suspended or rescinded.

A staff of three senior Family Court officers and 13 Family Court officers are responsible for this aspect of the support services of the Court. Total collections for the period amounted to $14,455,817.74 (refer to Table 11 for more data on this service).

Young Offenders Services

John T. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

Young Offenders Services are provided to young people charged with offences under the Young Offenders Act or the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act. These services include:

- preparing pre-disposition reports
- supervising probation orders
- supervising community service orders
- maintaining youth in foster homes or residential centres, and
- working with young people in open or secure custody, and with their families.

The Department of Social Services has also authorized the use of alternative measures programs, which operate according to provincial guidelines for young people in conflict with the law. These measures provide an alternative to the formal court process for holding selected youth accountable for their actions.

The service to young offenders ages 12-17 is the shared responsibility of the departments of Social Services and the Attorney General, with the provision of services to the 12-15 year-old young offender under the administration of the Department of Social Services. An Interdepartmental Committee of Social Services and the Attorney General's staff was set up during fiscal 1985/86 to address common issues arising in the delivery of services to young offenders to ensure consistency and to minimize duplication of services by both departments.

Staff training to ensure a smooth and efficient implementation of services to young offenders was initiated prior to the proclamation of the Young Offenders Act and has continued through regional workshops and supervisors' meetings during the period.

Nineteen probation officers, under the supervision of casework supervisors, provide ongoing supervision and direction to youth placed on probation or maintained in foster homes or other congregate care facilities as a condition of probation. The probation officers are responsible for the preparation of pre-disposition and progress reports, and oversee community dispositions made by the Court pursuant to the Young Offenders Act and the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act. They also maintain contact with young people and staff in the custodial facilities in planning the eventual reintegration of youth into the community.

During 1985-86, 1,173 young persons appeared in the Court, where final disposition was made; the number of offences was 1874. (See Tables 12 and 13).

Where the Family Court heard matters relating to provincial statutes, the number of young persons appearing pursuant to the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act was 166, and total provincial violations numbered 217. (See Tables 14 and 15).

A Federal-Provincial Advisory Committee, established to oversee and recommend implementation of four community programs under the auspices of private agencies, met monthly. The four programs—Alternative Measures, Community Service Orders/Fine Option, Volunteer Programs, and Public Information—will commence during the next fiscal year throughout the province.

Federal-provincial working groups met during the year to review the Youth Offenders Act and to recommend legislative amendments

to the Solicitor General of Canada. These amendments came into effect on September 1, 1986.

The Minister signed an agreement with the Salvation Army on September 25, 1985, for that organization to operate two ten-bed, open-custody facilities, one to be located in industrial Cape Breton, the other in the Halifax/Dartmouth area.

In February 1985, Minister of Social Services Edmund Morris announced that the Nova Scotia School for Boys would become a co-educational facility for young offenders, and that the Nova Scotia School for Girls would change its mandate to address the needs of children pursuant to the Children's Services Act. An implementation committee met during the period in an effort to ensure a smooth transition. This historic change was realized on September 9, 1985.

The former staff residence at the Shelburne facility was renovated to provide a cottage for female residents, and staff were employed to provide necessary supervision for the female youth.

Information regarding the Nova Scotia School for Girls during the period it was still designated as open/secure custody pursuant to the Young Offenders Act follows: 11 female young offenders were residents at the facility on April 1, 1985; 9 were committed between April 1 and September 8, 1985; and 18 were released during the same period. The two remaining residents were transferred to the Shelburne Youth Centre on September 9, 1985. A total of 2140 days of care had been given to female young offenders from April 1, 1985, to September 8, 1985.

Prior to the change of mandate, both the Nova Scotia School for Boys and the Nova Scotia School for Girls had been designated as places of safety pursuant to the Children's Services Act. On September 9, 1985, the Nova Scotia School for Girls became the Nova Scotia Residential Centre and remained a designated place of safety; three male residents under that status at the School for Boys were transferred on September 9 to this residential centre.

Shelburne Youth Centre

Mr. Heikki Muinonen, Superintendent

Young Offenders Services is responsible for the operation of the Shelburne Youth Centre. The objectives of the centre are to provide services to youth committed to custody under the Young Offenders Act to ensure the protection of society and to provide a rehabilitative service to the residents. The programs include a full academic program, prevocational trades, recreation and sports, group living,

individual counselling services, and pastoral and psychological services. Information on admissions and releases, and other data, is shown in Table 16.

Mr. Muinonen's annual report for the period follows:

On September 9, 1985, the Nova Scotia School for Boys was renamed the Shelburne Youth Centre and became a young offender's custody facility for both male and female offenders.

The total number of youths admitted to the centre in 1985-86 was 160. This compares with 119 in 1984-85 and 149 in 1983-84. Of this past year's admissions, 143 were males and 17 females. There were six males and one female committed to secure custody and six males committed to both secure and open custody. In addition, one young person was committed to secure custody from the open custody setting. At the time the centre became co-educational, two females were transferred from the Truro facility. Secure custody committals were less than the previous year's 18.

The number of days of care given during the year was 21,381, down from 25,403 last year and 28,672 the year before. Although the total number of days of care given is below the maximum capacity of the facility, the secure custody unit functioned at about 110% occupancy when considering direct committals from the community. However, with administrative transfers from open to secure custody pursuant to the Young Offenders Act included, the unit functioned at over 120% occupancy.

A gradual increase in the age of the residents of the centre has been noted. At the end of the fiscal year, one-third of the residents were 16 years of age or over and two-thirds would turn 16 prior to the end of the calendar year. The increase in age places new demands on various facility programs, most notably the academic program.

Continuing efforts to become more responsive to residents' adjustment problems at the facility, and steps taken by staff to prevent escapes, have again been successful. During the year, a new record low of 33 residents escaping custody was achieved.

The introduction of the female population at the facility changed a number of programs appreciably. The female cottage has an approximate capacity of 20, but the population has remained below 10 during the period. There were adjustment problems with the facility becoming co-educational, but by the end of the fiscal year these have diminished.

The planning for a larger secure unit continued throughout the year and progressed to include initial cost estimates and blueprints for a basic layout.

The second year of the Young Offenders Act has seen the facility become gradually customed to the concepts of definite custody sentences and two levels of custody service. The facility is moving toward a custody program for young offenders, with the traditional child-welfare approach diminishing. The youth are older, more mature and more aware of their rights, and present a greater challenge to staff.

Table 1

Comparative Statistics Showing Services by Children's Aid Societies, Family and Children's Services and District Offices*

		Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S & F. & C.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
1.	(a) No. of children in care and custody on April 1, 1985	56	194	68	69
	(b) No. of children taken into care and custody during the period	6	20	8	16
	(c) No. of children placed under care by transfer of guardianship	—	—	—	—
	(d) No. of children transferred into region	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	(e) Total of (a) (b) (c) (d)	62	214	76	85
	(f) No. of children whose care and custody ended during period				
	(1) by coming of age	5	21	1	9
	(2) by adoption	4	10	3	2
	(3) by marriage	—	1	—	1
	(4) by court order	—	9	17	—
	(5) by death	—	—	—	—
	(g) Transfers by legal guardianship	—	—	—	—
	(h) No. of children transferred out of region	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	(i) Total of (f) (g) (h)	9	41	21	12
	(j) No. of children in care and custody on March 31, 1986	53	173	55	73
	(k) Total no. of children taken into care and custody since society founding	830	3400	1065	1477
2.	**No. of children committed to care and custody during the period who were**				
	(a) Protestant	5	5	6	11
	Roman Catholic	1	8	2	5
	Other/No finding	—	7	—	—
	(b) Boys	2	14	2	5
	Girls	4	6	6	11
	(c) Children of unmarried mothers	—	3	2	3
	(d) Others in need of protection	6	17	6	13

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
185	34	23	91	68	102	25	47	67	39	138	37	20	56	1319
28	7	—	24	20	28	4	16	14	1	18	4	—	4	218
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
213	41	23	115	88	130	29	63	81	40	156	41	20	60	1537
13	4	1	9	9	10	2	1	2	3	10	4	1	4	109
15	—	6	6	2	5	—	—	5	—	9	1	3	—	71
—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
14	1	—	2	2	7	—	6	4	—	3	—	—	2	67
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—
N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—	—	—	—	—	—
42	7	7	18	13	22	3	7	11	3	22	5	4	6	253
171	34	16	97	75	108	26	56	70	37	134	36	16	54	1284
2515	796	27	1256	797	1446	502	496	877	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	15484
6	2	—	23	1	17	3	16	6	—	1	2	—	1	105
8	2	—	1	—	11	1	—	8	1	2	1	—	1	52
14	3	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	15	1	—	2	61
10	3	—	9	10	10	2	5	8	—	9	2	—	2	93
18	4	—	15	10	18	2	11	6	1	9	2	—	2	125
4	1	—	2	4	5	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	27
24	6	—	22	16	23	4	16	14	1	15	4	—	4	191

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(Table 1 continued)

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F. & C.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
3. No. of children in care and custody at end of period who were				
(a) Protestant	43	69	50	64
Roman Catholic	10	95	5	9
Other/No finding	—	9	—	—
(b) Boys	24	105	32	27
Girls	29	68	23	46
(c) Under 5 years of age	2	6	1	9
5 and under 10 years of age	3	27	8	8
10 and under 15 years of age	9	41	12	19
15 and under 19 years of age	35	67	22	34
19 to 20 years of age	4	32	12	3
4. No. of children under care and custody on March 31, 1986, who were				
(a) in foster homes	37	109	35	54
(b) in independent living/boarding homes	5	24	3	1
(c) in adoption probation homes	1	6	1	1
(d) in N.S. Residential Centre	—	2	1	—
(e) in residental centres	2	5	—	1
(f) in S.O.S. Village	—	—	—	—
(g) in Bairncroft	—	—	—	—
(h) in N.S. Home for Coloured Children	—	—	2	1
(i) in Shelburne Youth Centre	—	—	—	—
(j) in Young Offenders Act Community Facility	—	—	—	—
(k) in N.S.Y.T.C./C.T.C.'s	—	3	2	5
(l) in free homes	—	1	1	—
(m) self-supporting	4	5	2	1
(n) with own parents	3	6	1	4
(o) in group homes	—	6	4	4
(p) other	1	6	3	1

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
65	20	5	91	23	72	23	51	37	5	62	23	5	36	744
61	7	10	5	7	36	3	5	33	32	39	12	11	15	395
45	7	1	1	45	—	—	—	—	—	33	1	—	3	145
74	17	8	44	41	54	15	22	39	20	81	15	6	34	658
97	17	8	53	34	54	11	34	31	17	53	21	10	20	626
12	2	—	6	5	12	1	—	10	2	17	—	—	5	90
17	3	1	14	7	16	1	12	15	7	14	5	—	1	159
42	11	3	23	16	25	9	19	14	5	31	12	3	16	310
78	15	9	46	36	47	13	21	24	11	54	17	10	22	561
22	3	3	8	11	8	2	4	7	12	18	2	3	10	164
99	24	8	60	58	77	20	37	45	26	67	23	13	37	829
35	—	5	5	1	4	—	—	1	1	17	4	2	7	115
13	1	—	8	—	8	—	1	5	1	8	2	—	—	56
1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	11
1	—	—	3	2	1	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	2	22
1	—	1	3	—	—	—	6	—	1	2	—	—	1	15
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	1	13
2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	3	1	1	1	3	—	4	2	4	5	2	1	—	39
—	—	1	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	9
1	4	—	6	5	4	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	2	39
3	—	—	2	4	6	3	1	13	—	3	1	—	3	53
6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	—	—	1	29
5	1	—	7	1	5	1	—	1	—	17	1	—	—	50

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	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F. & C.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
5. Volume of service in cases active during the fiscal year 1985/86				
(a) adoptions				
(i) inquiries re: agency adoption	86	44	12	26
(2) applications approved	34	27	7	23
(3) homes on wait list, March 31, 1986	9	29	9	17
**(4) adoption reports submitted: 1st report	7	71	37	22
(reports incl. agency 2nd report	8	62	33	23
and private) supplementary	—	7	2	—
(b) children taken into care April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1986				
(1) Registered Agreements Sect. 8, C.S. Act	28	43	24	27
(2) Registered Agreements Sect. 10, C.S. Act	1	12	2	6
(3) under Sect. 45.1 C.S. Act	4	50	13	22
(4) care and custody	6	20	8	16
(c) total number of children in care on March 31, 1986	59	201	75	85
(d) children being supervised from other provinces on March 31, 1986	4	3	—	3
(e) children provided protection in own homes during year	410	907	438	405
(f) foster homes				
(1) inquiries	47	41	24	29
(2) number of applications to foster approved	4	6	6	13
(3) number of foster homes in use March 31, 1986	31	89	34	28
(g) protection—abuse and neglect				
(1) number cases carried over April 1, 1985	28	197	24	43
(2) number of new cases during year	52	422	77	30
(3) number of cases carried over March 31, 1986	47	373	31	48

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
196	41	23	34	66	20	2	13	10	20	133	6	3	—	735
53	7	4	9	6	16	—	5	6	8	44	6	3	—	258
28	14	18	11	17	20	13	5	13	7	29	7	5	—	251
21	22	9	42	17	40	7	13	12	11	150	6	5	—	492
23	20	12	34	20	20	6	6	9	7	114	7	3	—	407
—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	17
80	38	7	30	30	47	7	5	64	1	170	26	5	69	701
12	2	—	6	3	6	—	2	1	3	10	—	3	—	69
83	14	4	43	18	39	7	15	17	—	40	10	7	6	392
28	7	—	24	20	28	4	16	14	1	18	4	—	4	218
251	51	19	121	85	125	33	63	80	42	217	48	22	82	1659
1	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	9	—	—	—	26
754	462	324	800	319	189	162	262	304	69	921	276	129	665	7796
84	16	12	84	44	22	2	16	26	2	51	15	4	—	519
20	10	3	7	6	8	—	—	6	2	43	5	—	—	139
88	33	7	60	23	96	16	27	38	24	106	17	9	—	726
93	16	3	88	10	15	10	43	51	46	330	41	11	107	1156
75	93	4	130	94	30	13	53	87	20	569	73	9	237	2068
121	58	3	51	83	23	20	42	34	49	373	48	10	228	1642

(Cont'd)

(Table 1 continued)

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F. & C.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
protection—family support				
(1) number of cases carried over April 1, 1985	62	55	43	10
(2) number of new cases during year	51	123	135	23
(3) number of cases carried over March 31, 1986	52	5	90	15
(h) number of short-term protection and miscellaneous intakes	17	7	68	250
(i) family counsellor intakes	32	—	137	72
(j) custody reports requested	5	18	8	12

* *Services to unmarried mothers noted on separate table.*

** *Adoption reports also submitted by two child placement agencies: Antigonish Diocesan Charities (first report 13, second report 17). Home of the Guardian Angel (first report 35, second report 35).*

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
189	113	91	38	110	84	55	11	42	26	43	29	29	64	1094
215	62	47	185	11	92	7	27	77	21	62	48	25	78	1289
211	69	83	43	93	82	33	14	49	29	90	29	33	87	1107
564	3	6	503	66	—	53	—	2	—	41	3	47	60	1690
—	—	—	—	73	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	336
33	2	5	1	6	4	1	4	6	—	16	12	—	7	140

Table 2

Voluntary Care Agreements
Children's Services Act
Registered with Department of Social Services

1985/86

Agency	Number of Agreements Signed Section 8*	Section 10
F. & C.S. of Annapolis County	28	1
Antigonish Diocesan Charities	—	15
C.A.S. of Cape Breton	43	12
C.A.S. & F.S. of Colchester County	24	2
F. & C.S. of Cumberland County	27	6
C.A.S. of Halifax	80	12
F. & C.S. of Hants County	38	2
Home of the Guardian Angel	—	29
C.A.S. of Inverness-Richmond	7	—
F. & C.S. of Kings County	30	6
F. & C.S. of Lunenburg County	30	3
F. & C.S. of Pictou County	47	6
F. & C.S. of Queens County	7	—
C.A.S. of Shelburne County	5	2
F. & C.S. of Yarmouth County	64	1
District Offices		
Antigonish	1	3
Dartmouth	170	10
Digby	26	—
Guysborough	5	3
Sackville	69	—
TOTAL**	701	113

* Extensions are not counted as separate agreements in the Section 8 totals. Total number of children in voluntary care was 622; however, there were 701 agreements signed, 79 of which were separate agreements but for the same child or children.

** The totals on this table include agreements signed through the Antigonish Diocesan Charities and the Home of the Guardian Angel.

Table 3

Child Abuse Register — Statistical Information

for the calendar years 1981-1985

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Total Number of Cases Recorded	**45**	**65**	**89**	**180**	**237**
Age Range of Children					
Under 3 yrs. of age	18	15	26	40	39
4-6 yrs. of age	8	15	20	34	33
7-12 yrs. of age	11	21	21	51	110
12-16 yrs. of age	8	14	22	55	55
Sex of Children					
Male	20	24	36	66	71
Female	25	41	53	114	166
Deaths	1	1	2	1	—
Cases Removed from the Child Abuse Register	3	3	—	1	2*
Family Moved Out-of-Province	3	4	1	8	12

Type of Abuse	**M**	**F**	**M**	**F**	**M**	**F**	**M**	**F**	**M**	**F**
Physical	23	18	30	24	34	39	39	32	48	45
Emotional	—	5	3	3	2	1	6	5	5	4
Sexual	1	8	—	15	4	18	29	82	24	123
Child Abuse Prior to First Report to Agency	10	12	9	19	19	26	11	7	71	166
Month Abuse Occurred										
January-March	6	4	6	10	9	13	21	31	31	73
April-June	3	9	6	11	11	14	12	26	16	37
July-September	6	6	7	8	8	11	12	25	8	23
October-December	5	6	5	12	8	15	21	32	16	33
Agency Decision										
Left with Parents	10	15	12	24	20	30	40	66	46	110
Supervision Required	13	12	16	21	19	25	28	45	32	60
Removed from Abusive Environment	9	10	7	15	16	21	27	40	18	42
Sibling Removed	5	2	6	7	5	5	10	16	6	13

*These are 1984 cases removed from the Child Abuse Register in 1985.

	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Alleged Perpetrator										
Mother	4	5	8	8	14	14	12	9	10	13
Father	8	10	9	13	8	18	25	37	21	37
Both Parents**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2
Stepfather	6	4	3	6	1	3	3	15	11	25
Stepmother	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Sibling	—	—	—	1	2	4	1	6	5	17
Mother's Commonlaw Spouse/ Boyfriend*	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	9	1	10
Father's Commonlaw Spouse/ Girlfriend*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Relative*	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	16	5	24
Foster Parent/Adoptive Parent*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Babysitter/Caretaker*	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5	2	12
Identity Unknown*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	4	4
Other	3	7	8	14	12	19	16	17	11	27
Referred by										
Self	—	—	—	2	1	3	3	10	2	17
Family	1	5	3	7	11	4	23	37	18	40
Neighbour	1	3	—	2	3	3	1	2	2	5
PHN/VON	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2
Court	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	1
Teacher**	4	2	4	4	4	6	4	10	2	8
School Guidance Counsellor**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
School Social Worker**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Hospital Physician**	20	17	18	27	30	42	44	70	27	26
Family Physician**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	49
Hospital Social Worker**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	23
Police/R.C.M.P.	—	—	1	5	3	5	11	18	5	13
Day Care Centre	1	1	1	—	1	—	5	1	—	2
Foster Parent*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other	—	2	4	7	2	2	4	7	16	32
Services Received from Agency										
Family Counselling	9	15	11	22	20	31	40	55	34	78
Supervision	10	11	17	29	28	41	45	68	32	55
Homemakers	2	1	—	5	5	5	6	6	8	10
Voluntary Care	3	2	2	5	—	5	7	17	4	16
Taken into Care*	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	21	2	16
Other	—	—	—	2	3	3	—	5	10	20

(Cont'd)

* This data not sorted for 1981, 1982 or 1983.

** For 1981-1984, referrals from all hospital/medical personnel was categorized "Hospital (physician)," and all school personnel was categorized "Schools."

(Table 3 continued)

	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Immediate Action Taken										
Child Examined by M.D.	20	20	20	30	32	40	48	84	50	109
Color Photos Taken	11	7	9	9	14	11	10	12	15	17
Full Body X-Ray	6	3	5	6	7	8	—	—	—	—
The Police Contacted	8	11	12	28	19	32	53	102	60	154
Police Investigation	8	10	7	23	13	24	36	82	31	131
Cases Brought to Family Court	18		23		33		62		64	
Notice to Bring	2		1		2		—		8	
Friendly Supervision	8		11		10		12		14	
Care and Custody	8		8		11		33		31	
Placed for Adoption	—		—		—		2		1	
Dismissed	—		5		6		15		6	
Still Before the Court	—		—		—		—		11	
Returned to Parent(s) Care	—		—		—		6		6	
Results Not Available	—		4		8		2		—	
Police Involvement										
Police Contacted	19		40		52		155		214	
No. of These Brought to Family Court*	7		16		19		—		—	
Charges Pending	—		—		—		—		2	
Charges Dropped	1		—		1		—		6	
Convicted/Sentenced	6		9		19		57		35	
Found Not Guilty	—		—		1		2		2	
Insufficient Evidence to Prosecute/Acquitted	—		—		—		7		21	
Criminal Court Results Not Available	—		8		3		11		29	
Additional/Related Indications of Alleged Abuse in Family										
Past Abuse of Parents	6		9		16		61		57	
Stressful Events	12		29		49		74		74	
Alcohol/Drug Abuse	12		14		21		47		40	
Supervision	6		11		22		35		30	
Mental Health	5		11		12		41		37	
Nutrition	—		4		10		16		13	
Medical	3		10		8		15		14	
Emotional Care	8		12		24		33		31	
Inappropriate Discipline	13		21		40		47		56	
Other	4		4		—		29		31	

*This data only sorted in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Agency										
Annapolis	1		2		1		9		11	
Antigonish	—		2		—		5		6	
Cape Breton	6		8		8		21		19	
Colchester	1		1		4		3		8	
Cumberland	3		1		5		10		12	
Dartmouth	19		17		23		22		31	
Digby	1		—		1		4		3	
Guysborough	—		—		6		1		4	
Halifax	7		12		10		30		46	
Hants	1		1		4		10		9	
Inverness/Richmond	—		—		—		2		1	
Kings	—		8		6		18		20	
Lunenburg	—		1		6		7		10	
Pictou	2		3		3		1		7	
Queens	-		1		2		4		6	
Sackville	2		4		3		11		20	
Shelburne	1		—		4		5		9	
Yarmouth	1		2		3		17		12	
No Agency Involvement	—		—		—		—		1	

Table 4

Comparative Statistics for Child Caring Facilities

	Bairncroft	Home of the Guardian Angel	Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children	Boys Residential Centre	Residential Centre Halifax	Residential Centre Hebron
1. (a) No. of children resident on April 1, 1985	2	—	21	10	8	12
(b) No. of admissions during the year	23	63	105	15	7	16
(c) Total of (a) and (b)	25	63	126	25	15	28
(d) No. of discharges during the year	25	60	101	13	5	17
(e) No. of children resident on March 31, 1986	—	3	25	12	10	11
2. No. of admissions during the year who were						
(a) boys	12	36	65	15	—	11
(b) girls	11	27	40	—	7	5
(c) birth - 5 years	2	63	—	—	—	—
6 years - 9 years	6	—	8	—	—	1
10 years - 12 years	5	—	18	1	3	3
13 years - 15 years	9	—	67	14	4	11
16 years - 20 years	1	—	12	—	—	1
3. Average length of stay (in days) in the facility						
(a) of number discharged during the year	25.3	11.1	68.3	276.6	383.6	350.6
(b) of those resident at the end of the year	—	7.3	367.4	235.1	295	181.3
4. (a) No. of children cared for during the year	25	63	126	25	15	28
(b) Total number days of care during the year of all children in 4 (a)	633	689	7889	3936	3306	4205
(c) Average cost of care per child per day	85.93	128.76	68.20	81.58	108.06	73.24
5. No. of persons on staff of the facility						
(a) superintendent	1	1	1	1	1	1
(b) social workers	—	1	2	—	1	—
part-time	—	2	—	—	—	—
(c) nurses	—	2	—	—	—	—
part-time	—	12	—	—	—	—
(d) counsellors	—	—	—	7	—	—
(e) child care staff	1	—	13	—	9	7
(f) houseparents	1	—	—	—	—	1
(g) domestic	—	—	1	1	1	—
(h) cook	—	—	1	1	1	—
(i) other	1	—	1	1	1	1
Total number of staff	4	18	19	11	14	10

C.A.S. of Halifax Group Home	D.H. Johnson House	Dept. of Social Services Ind. Home	F. & C.S. of Hants Co. Group Home	F. & C.S. of Lunenburg Co. Group Home	Hawthorne House	Jubien House	Liscombe Group Home	Ramsay House	Shelburne Group Home	Sisters of the Good Shepherd – C.H.	S.O.S. Children's Village	Whitney Avenue Group Home	Y.M.C.A. Walnut St. Group Home	Total
4	9	3	6	4	8	9	3	6	4	5	12	5	5	136
6	61	4	18	8	59	48	9	5	6	4	8	6	21	492
10	70	7	24	12	67	57	12	11	10	9	20	11	26	628
5	62	3	20	8	59	48	6	3	5	4	4	8	20	476
5	8	4	4	4	8	9	6	8	5	5	16	3	6	152
6	—	—	18	5	59	—	6	2	6	—	5	—	21	267
—	61	4	—	3	—	48	3	3	—	4	3	6	—	225
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	67
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	17
1	—	—	2	4	12	1	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	56
4	50	1	11	2	42	38	9	3	4	—	—	5	9	283
—	11	3	5	2	5	9	—	2	—	4	1	1	12	69
364.8	45.2	150.6	87.1	351	41.2	74	237.7	145.3	423.6	250.5	225	289.4	81.1	
253.8	146.4	208.5	95.5	163.5	98.4	146.1	207.3	422.6	199.6	288	649.5	646.3	276.3	
10	70	7	24	12	67	57	12	11	10	9	20	11	26	
1552	2838	1004	1432	1223	2589	3196	1459	2800	1605	1628	4963	1592	1979	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76

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(Table 4 continued)

	Bairncroft	Home of the Guardian Angel	Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children	Boys Residential Centre	Residential Centre Halifax	Residential Centre Hebron
6. No. of persons on staff of the facility						
(a) group home parent(s)	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) superintendent	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) social workers	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) nurses	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) counsellors full-time	—	—	—	—	—	—
part-time	—	—	—	—	—	—
(f) child care staff	—	—	—	—	—	—
(g) houseparents	—	—	—	—	—	—
(h) domestic	—	—	—	—	—	—
(i) cook	—	—	—	—	—	—
(j) other full-time	—	—	—	—	—	—
part-time	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total number of staff	—	—	—	—	—	—

C.A.S. of Halifax Group Home	D.H. Johnson House	Dept. of Social Services Ind. Home	F. & C.S. of Hants Co. Group Home	F. & C.S. of Lunenburg Co. Group Home	Hawthorne House	Jubien House	Liscombe Group Home	Ramsay House	Shelburne Group Home	Sisters of the Good Shepherd — G.H.	S.O.S. Children's Village	Whitney Avenue Group Home	Y.M.C.A. Walnut St. Group Home	Total
2	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	2	2	16
—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	5	—	4	—	5	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	24
—	1½	—	—	—	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	7½	2	4	2	8½	7½	2	5	2	4	6	2	2	56½

Table 5

Comparative Statistics Showing Services to Unmarried Mothers and Children by Child Placing Agencies and Maternity Homes	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchestr C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.	Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.
1. No. of active unmarried mother cases open on April 1, 1985	3	14	7	11	12	2	3
2. No. of cases opened during the year	5	38	21	7	49	12	15
3. No. of cases closed during the year	3	47	22	14	44	10	13
4. No. of active cases open on March 31, 1986	5	5	6	4	17	4	5
5. Residence of unmarried mother (No. 2)							
In Nova Scotia	4	36	20	7	49	12	15
Outside Nova Scotia	1	2	1	—	—	—	—
6. Ages of unmarried mothers counselled (No. 2)							
15 and under	—	2	1	—	5	2	—
16-20	4	20	14	5	32	9	14
21-25	1	11	4	2	8	—	1
26-30	—	4	1	—	2	—	—
31-35	—	1	1	—	1	—	—
36 and over	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
7. No. of children under care on April 1, 1985							
(a) child care facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) foster home	—	3	—	—	6	—	—
(c) with mother	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
(d) free home placement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. No. of children admitted to care							
(a) mother on unmarried mother program	—	17	2	7	11	1	—
(b) mother unknown or child deserted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) referred by another agency	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. No. of children discharged from care							
(a) child returned to mother's care	—	7	—	1	4	—	—
(b) child taken into care and custody	—	2	—	—	1	1	—
(c) child died	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) child referred to another agency	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) notice of proposed adoption filed	—	10	1	6	1	—	—

Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Home of the Guardian Angel	Antigonish Diocesan Charities	Salvation Army Bethany Home	Salvation Army Parkdale House	Total
7	1	7	—	3	9	—	79	7	—	40	31	5	1	242
26	10	20	—	6	9	8	78	5	5	136	50	22	25	547
20	2	27	—	7	15	8	118	9	5	140	19	23	23	569
13	9	—	—	2	3	—	39	3	—	36	62	4	3	220
26	10	19	—	6	9	8	70	4	5	129	48	21	22	520
—	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	7	2	1	3	27
1	—	2	—	3	1	—	12	1	—	10	2	5	1	48
25	7	13	—	2	4	7	53	4	3	81	32	13	13	355
—	3	5	—	1	3	1	11	—	2	35	12	4	8	112
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	8	3	—	1	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	—	—	—	4	—	—	22
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
9	3	5	—	3	3	3	22	—	3	63	15	2	—	169
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	1	3	—	14	—	1	24	4	4	—	67
2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	3	2	—	3	—	3	9	—	3	36	11	—	—	90

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(Table 5 continued)

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.	Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.
10. No. of children under care on March 31, 1986							
(a) child care facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) foster home	—	1	1	—	11	—	—
(c) with mother	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
(d) free home placement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. No. of children in No. 10 who were							
(a) Protestant	—	—	—	—	7	—	—
(b) Roman Catholic	—	1	—	—	2	—	—
(c) Other/No finding	—	—	1	—	3	—	—
(d) Boys	—	—	1	—	6	—	—
(e) Girls	—	1	—	—	6	—	—

Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Home of the Guardian Angel	Antigonish Diocesan Charities	Salvation Army Bethany Home	Salvation Army Parkdale House	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
2	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	—	—	24
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	15
—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	13

Table 6

A. Adoptions

1. Number of children adopted 502

2. Age grouping of children at time of legal adoption:

Under 1 year	105	8 years	22
1 year	77	9 years	26
2 years	29	10 years	14
3 years	23	11 years	12
4 years	39	12 years	11
5 years	38	13 years	16
6 years	32	14 years	10
7 years	33	15 years	15
		16 years	—

Average age at time of adoption: 5 years, 2 months.

3. Place of birth of children in No. 1:

(a) Annapolis	9	Inverness	2
Antigonish	13	Kings	20
Cape Breton	77	Lunenburg	10
Colchester	18	Pictou	22
Cumberland	16	Queens	6
Digby	6	Richmond	—
Guysborough	2	Shelburne	5
Halifax	194	Victoria	3
Hants	10	Yarmouth	15
(b) Out of province	74	Birthplace not available	—

4. Number of children in No. 1 born:

(a) In wedlock 118 (b) Out of wedlock 384

5. Religion of children in No. 1:

(a) Protestant 282 (b) Roman Catholic 209 (c) Other 11

6. Length of stay of children in adoption home prior to completion of adoption:

Under 1 year	213	8 years	3
1 year but not over 2 years	141	9 years	2
2 years but not over 3 years	53	10 years	3
3 years	42	11 years	2
4 years	14	12 years	1
5 years	14	13 years	2
6 years	7	14 years	1
7 years	3	15 years	1

Average length of stay in adoption homes: 2 years.

7. Lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption:

Under 1 year	361	5 years	2
1 year but not over 2	120	6 years	—
2 years but not over 3	13	7 years	—
3 years	5	8 years	—
4 years	1		

Average lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption: 7 months.

8. **Number of children in No. 1 who were later adopted, where a certificate was granted by the Minister for the waiving of the 6 months of waiting time:** 26.

9. **Number of children in No. 1 placed by:**

(a)	Children's Aid Societies	98
(b)	Director of Family & Children's Services	30
(c)	Child Caring Institutions	63
(d)	Out of Province Agencies	5
(e)	Private — with relative	281
	— with non-relative	25
(f)	Director of Children's Aid Society	—

10. (a) **No. of children in No. 1 adopted by two parents** 496
(b) **No. of children in No. 1 adopted by one parent** 6

11. (a) **Boys** 264 (b) **Girls** 238

B. **Adopting Parents**

12. (a) **Classification of adopting father in 10(a) by age:**

21-29	159	50-59	18
30-39	248	60-69	4
40-49	67	Not available	6

Average Age of adopting father: 34 years, 1 month.

(b) **Classification of adopting mother in 10(a) and (b) by age:**

20-29	219	50-59	5
30-39	229	60-69	—
40-49	49	Not available	—

Average age of adopting mother: 31 years, 8 months.

13. **Residence of adopting parents in 10(a) and (b):**

Annapolis	15	Kings	28
Antigonish	3	Lunenburg	24
Cape Breton	66	Pictou	40
Colchester	38	Queens	13
Cumberland	18	Richmond	6
Digby	8	Shelburne	9
Guysborough	8	Victoria	8
Halifax	168	Yarmouth	5
Hants	28	Out of province	7
Inverness	10		

14. **No. of children in 1 adopted into families:**
(a) Owning a home 353 (b) Renting a home 149

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(Table 6 continued)

15. Occupational classification of:

(a) **Adopting Fathers:**

Professional	77	Semi-skilled Tradesmen	5
Business	67	Labourers	51
Armed Services	39	Employed in Primary Industries	49
Skilled Tradesmen	189	Not Available	25

(b) **Adopting Mothers:**

Housewife	278	Skilled Tradesman	80
Not Available	4	Semi-skilled Tradesman	33
Professional	31	Labourer	11
Business	16	Primary Industry	46
Armed Services	3		

16. Classification of income of families adopting children in No. 1:

Under $ 7,000	6
$ 7,000 to 7,999	1
8,000 to 8,999	5
9,000 to 9,999	7
10,000 to 14,999	50
15,000 to 19,999	53
20,000 to 24,999	88
25,000 to 29,999	62
30,000 to 34,999	71
35,000 to 39,999	35
40,000 to 44,999	26
45,000 to 49,999	19
Over $50,000	74
Not stated	5

Average income of families in No. 16: $30,363.18.

17. Religion of parents adopting in No. 1:

	Father	Mother
(a) Protestant	301	292
(b) Roman Catholic	175	200
(c) Other	21	10

Table 7

Day Care Services

April 1, 1985, to March 31, 1986

	Private	*Registered*
Number of applications received	64	0
Number of applications pending previous year	12	2
Number of new centres licensed in 1985	28	0
Number of centres closed	23	1
Number of applications pending year end	8	0
Number of licensed centres	278	46
Full day	96	46
Part day	182	0
Total licensed capacity (private & registered)	324	
Licensed capacity	5,993	2,681
Full day	2,145	2,681
Part day	3,848	0
Total licensed capacity (private & registered)	8,674	
Number of visits to day care facilities by head office staff (private & registered)	526	

Table 8

Day Care Services: Regional Analysis of Centres & Spaces

March 31, 1986

	Halifax Region	Cape Breton Region	North Shore Region	Central Region	Western Region	Total
A. Registered Centres	23	10	5	4	4	46
Subsidized Spaces	1155	345	154	150	110	1914
Non-subsidized Spaces	389	127	97	104	50	767
Total Spaces	1544	472	251	254	160	2681
B. Private Centres & Child Development Centres	122	34	43	53	26	278
Private Spaces	2932	364	1244	1018	435	5993
C. Total Centres	145	44	42	57	36	324
Total Spaces	4476	836	1495	1272	595	8674

Table 9

Homemakers Services

March 31, 1986

Program	Age	Number of Clients	Cost
Homemakers Services	65+	2,720	$2,438,800
	0-65	480	
Demonstration Grants (Home Life Supports)	65+	500	130,300
Expanded Homemakers (Home Life Supports)	65+	1,170	330,900
In-Home Support	65+	182	593,700
Total		5,052	$3,493,700

Table 10

Family Court Statistics

Year Ending March 31, 1986

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT							
Number of Children Brought Before the Court							
Believed to be in need of protection	5	5	196	20	55	25	2
Unmanageable while in care and custody Section 55	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Unmanageable while in the charge of the Minister	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Application for termination	1	0	4	19	1	3	0
Other	3	7	19	14	3	3	5
Total	9	12	221	55	59	33	7
Disposition re: Children Brought Before the Court							
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(a)	0	0	100	2	6	1	0
Temporary care and custody under Section 49(1)(a)(i)	6	0	19	4	12	8	0
Referral under Section 49(1)(a)(ii)	0	0	9	0	0	1	0
Dismissed under Section 49 (1)(b)	2	0	19	1	3	0	0
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(c)(i)	1	3	27	0	8	0	3
Care and custody under Section 49(1)(c)(ii)	7	2	16	7	14	7	0
Adjourned Section 52(3)(a)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Adjourned Section 52(3)(b)	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Terminate care and custody Section 52(3)(c)	0	0	3	18	1	1	1
Application for termination dismissed 52(3)(d)	0	0	8	0	1	0	1
Others	6	2	17	23	14	12	6
Total (includes adjournments)	22	7	221	55	59	33	11
General							
Actual number of parent-child(ren) unit actions initiated	9	6	168	42	40	12	8
Actual number of hearings	25	6	184	42	43	12	8

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
405	15	4	50	37	37	18	16	53	2	34	979
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
13	0	0	8	0	14	3	0	8	0	5	79
82	3	9	5	0	11	0	0	4	0	6	174
513	20	13	63	37	62	21	16	65	2	45	1253
94	1	0	2	0	1	2	4	7	1	11	232
163	6	0	104	36	46	6	0	7	1	1	419
2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18
43	3	0	11	0	12	3	8	9	0	2	116
32	0	5	3	0	7	1	0	11	0	7	108
50	8	0	27	0	26	6	0	19	0	14	203
1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	11
0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	10
14	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	4	0	3	53
9	0	0	9	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	34
112	1	8	18	0	8	2	4	5	0	6	244
520	20	13	181	37	120	21	16	65	2	45	1448
239	18	7	63	37	62	19	8	46	2	30	816
523	23	7	179	20	72	17	5	45	2	30	1243

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(Table 10 continued)

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
FAMILY MAINTENANCE ACT							
Number of Applications Commenced							
For maintenance under Sections 3 and 9	116	57	830	110	150	88	18
For maintenance under Section 11	14	16	254	60	85	2	9
For maintenance under Section 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
For custody and access pursuant to Section 18(1)	76	26	240	45	204	9	7
To change order under Section 40(2)	17	3	146	50	87	31	2
Default actions under Section 39	72	37	1238	232	202	300	16
To change order under Section 36	28	28	247	48	116	7	8
Other	1	5	1	16	51	1	3
Total number of applications	324	172	2956	561	895	438	63
Total number of hearings	448	153	3226	561	837	180	60
MAINTENANCE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Application to vary	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Provincial	11	3	51	12	13	0	4
Confirming	6	0	2	4	3	0	1
Default action	9	0	11	23	12	0	1
Rescinded	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Total	27	2	65	42	29	0	2
Total number of hearings	36	3	67	42	16	0	6
SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Consents granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consents refused	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Marriages performed	0	8	0	0	13	0	0
Total number of hearings	0	8	0	0	13	0	0

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
824	54	25	179	150	287	34	16	63	24	147	3172
209	14	60	25	0	58	12	10	7	2	25	862
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
525	2	31	126	28	219	5	1	5	14	9	1572
416	18	5	63	100	84	24	2	36	2	90	1176
945	45	82	205	183	258	98	29	265	31	617	4855
445	28	43	62	136	110	5	4	24	2	88	1429
21	0	8	0	0	20	1	0	2	0	5	135
3400	161	254	660	597	1036	179	62	402	75	982	13217
4100	227	142	841	194	923	64	62	206	81	456	12761
9	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
99	6	8	8	10	15	2	1	1	0	4	248
18	0	2	1	0	9	0	0	0	1	3	50
52	1	0	13	5	10	1	0	0	0	0	138
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
182	7	11	23	17	34	3	1	1	1	7	459
200	7	11	27	6	37	3	1	1	1	6	470
0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
278	0	0	0	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	322
0	1	0	0	0	22	1	0	1	0	1	47

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(Table 10 continued)

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CRIMINAL CODE							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Section 168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 666	4	2	2	0	0	0	2
Section 245	0	0	114	0	5	2	0
Section 745	4	0	5	7	0	0	0
Section 746	0	0	27	0	14	0	0
Total	8	2	148	7	19	0	2
Total number of hearings	16	2	166	7	18	2	2
INFANTS CUSTODY ACT							
Number of applications	3	4	0	0	0	0	1
Actual number of hearings	16	4	0	0	0	0	1

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	0	0	19	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	96
1	1	10	0	0	16	3	0	0	1	15	168
143	2	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	174
18	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	1	0	1	74
223	3	10	32	2	30	3	0	5	1	16	513
244	3	10	43	0	48	3	0	4	1	16	585
0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	15
0	0	0	2	2	15	0	2	0	0	0	42

Table 11

Family Court Statistics
Enforcement Services
Family Court Maintenance Orders and Collections

April 1, 1985 — March 31, 1986

	Cape Breton Region Victoria & Cape Breton counties	Cape Breton Region Richmond & Inverness counties	Halifax City of Halifax & county	Dartmouth City of Dartmouth & county
(a) No. of cases where court order was issued	350	61	311	325
(b) No. of cases where court orders were discontinued	338	15	2	15
(c) No. of active court order cases at end of year	1776	277	1850	1120
(d) No. of court order violations	1253	112	704	528
(e) Total collections from court orders during the year	$2,542,520.87	$365,183.25	$2,902,736.47	$3,193,760.14

	North Shore Region Cumberland County	North Shore Region Pictou Antigonish Guysborough Colchester	Central Region Kings Annapolis Lunenburg	Western Region Yarmouth Shelburne Digby Queens	Total
(a)	127	205	281	184	1844
(b)	41	204	47	138	800
(c)	473	1588	1409	941	9434
(d)	287	417	517	1304	5122
(e)	$704,803.20	$1,797,250.00	$1,724,953.54	$1,224,610.27	$14,455,817.74

Table 12

Young Offenders Statistics: Federal Offenders by Age and Sex

Fiscal Year April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1986

Statute	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Subtotal by Sex		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Criminal Code		14	79	32	175	56	270	57	344	0	16	5	40	164	924	1088
Narcotics Control Act		0	0	0	1	0	7	4	6	0	1	0	0	4	15	19
Food and Drug Act		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	3
Young Offenders Act		0	1	0	1	1	12	1	5	20	5	13	2	35	76	61
Other Federal Statutes		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Total		14	80	32	177	57	289	62	357	21	22	18	42	204	969	1173

Table 13

Young Offenders Statistics: Federal Offences by Age and Sex

Fiscal Year April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1986

Statute	Age / Sex	12 F	12 M	13 F	13 M	14 F	14 M	15 F	15 M	16 F	16 M	unknown F	unknown M	Subtotal by Sex F	Subtotal by Sex M	Total
Criminal Code		16	121	44	289	102	443	81	578	0	25	4	62	247	1518	1765
Narcotics Control Act		0	0	0	2	1	7	4	7	0	2	0	0	5	18	23
Food and Drug Act		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	4
Young Offenders Act		0	1	0	3	3	16	5	27	5	16	2	1	15	64	79
Other Federal Statutes		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total		16	122	44	294	106	467	41	616	6	43	6	63	269	1605	1874

Table 14

Young Offenders Statistics: Provincial Offenders by Age and Sex

Fiscal Year April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1986

Statute	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Subtotal by Sex		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Motor Vehicle Act		0	0	1	6	1	21	2	41	0	0	0	3	4	71	75
Liquor Control Act		0	1	0	5	1	8	3	26	0	0	0	2	4	42	46
Education Act		1	0	2	6	2	7	5	3	1	0	2	2	13	18	31
Other Provincial Acts		0	0	0	1	0	5	1	5	0	0	0	2	1	13	14
Total		1	1	3	18	4	41	11	75	1	0	2	9	22	144	166

Table 15

Young Offenders Statistics: Provincial Offences by Age and Sex

Fiscal Year April 1, 1985 - March 31, 1986

Statute	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Subtotal by Sex		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Motor Vehicle Act		0	0	1	7	1	24	3	59	0	0	0	5	5	95	100
Liquor Control Act		0	1	0	5	1	10	3	34	0	0	0	2	4	52	56
Education Act		1	0	2	7	3	8	6	3	1	0	2	2	15	20	35
Other Provincial Acts		0	0	0	2	0	12	1	8	0	0	0	3	1	25	26
Total		1	1	3	21	5	54	13	104	1	0	2	12	25	192	217

Table 16

Shelburne Youth Centre
Statistical Report
April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986

		Male	Female*	Total
1.	**Youth in care April 1, 1985**	76	0	76
2.	**Youth committed since April 1, 1985, to:**			
	(i) Open custody	131	14	145
	(ii) Secure custody	6	1	7
	(iii) Combination open/secure custody	6	0	6
	No. transferred	0	2	2
	Total since April 1, 1985	143	17	160
3.	**No. of releases since April 1, 1985**			
	(i) Section 28	5	0	5
	(ii) Section 29	6	0	6
	(iii) Order of Appeal Court	10	1	11
	(iv) Released end of custody period	137	6	143
	Total number released during period	158	7	165
4.	**Days of care provided during period**			
	Open custody		17,395	
	Secure Custody		2,759	
	Remand		1,227	
	Total days of care		21,381	
5.	**No. of temporary releases granted**	248	12	260
6.	**No. of temporary releases revoked**	2	0	2
7.	**No. escaping custody**	27	6	33
8.	**No. charged with escaping custody**	23	5	28
9.	**No. remanded to temporary detention**	101	18	119
10.	**No. remanded to temporary detention for assessment**	47	11	58

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(Table 1c continued)

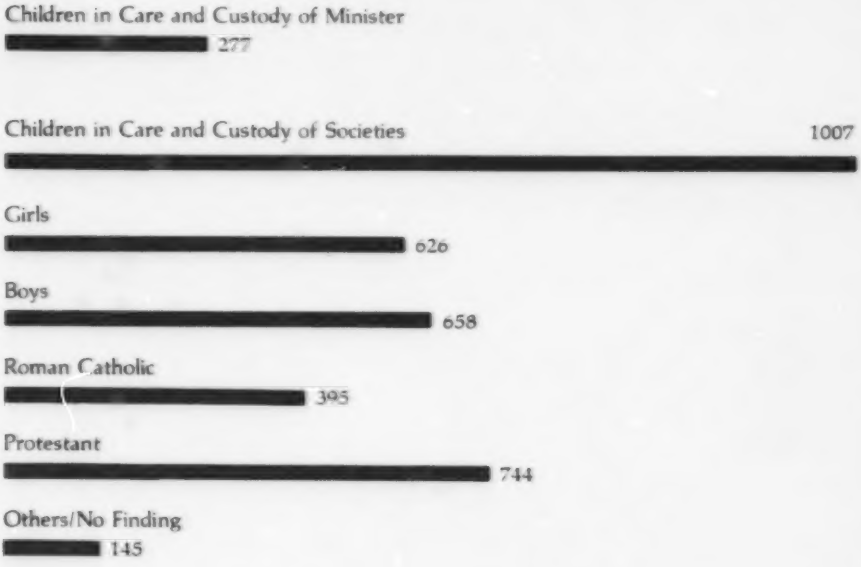
	Male	Female*	Total
11. Ages of youth committed/ transferred to custody:			
Age 12	4	0	4
Age 13	8	0	8
Age 14	34	4	38
Age 15	80	8	88
Age 16	17	5	22
12. No. of youth committed for:			
Armed robbery	3	0	3
Break and enter	4	0	4
Break, enter and theft	37	3	40
Assault causing bodily harm	9	0	9
Theft	45	1	46
Other	45	13	58
13. Staff complement			
(i) Administration, managerial and supervisory			12
(ii) Psychology and social			4
(iii) Academic and vocational			12
(iv) Daily living and recreational			38
(v) Secretarial, stenographic and clerks			7
(vi) Cooks, domestics, seamstresses			9
(vii) Maintenance, janitorial			8
Total			90

* *Female statistics are for the period September 9, 1985-March 31, 1986, when the Shelburne Youth Centre assumed responsibility for young female offenders.*

Chart 1

Children in Care and Custody

March 31, 1986



What Ages?	
Birth to 4 years	90
5 to 9 years	159
10 to 14 years	310
15 to 18 years	561
19 to 20 years	164

Where Were They?	
Foster Homes	829
Independent Living/Boarding Homes	115
Adoption Probation	56
Free Home	9
Self-supporting	39
Own Parents	53
Child Caring Facilities	133*
Others	50

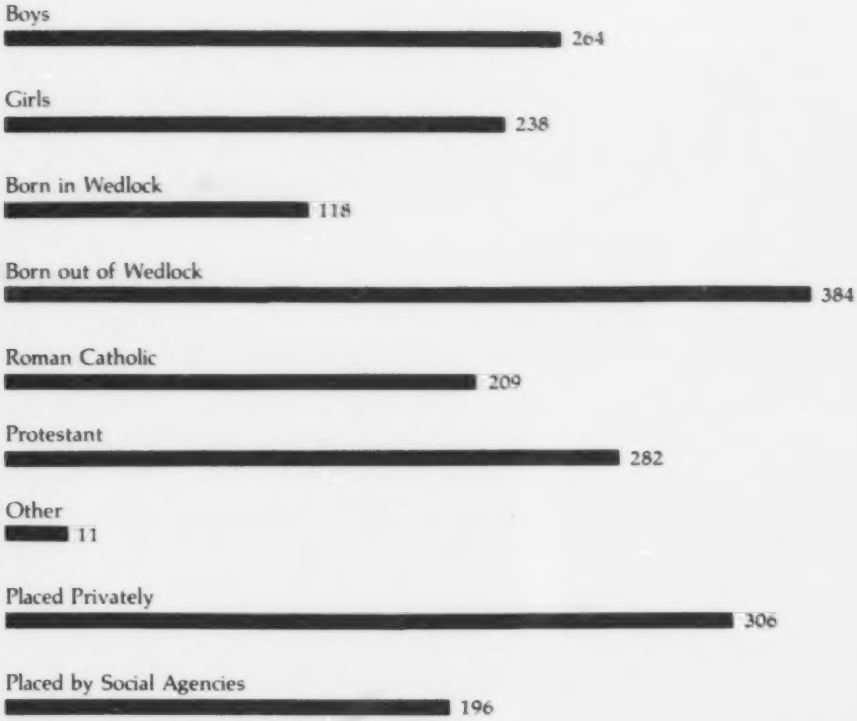
*See Table 1, 4(d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l).

Chart 2

Adoptions

from April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986

Total = 502



Average Completed Adoption

Child has been in home 2 years.
Mother was 31 years, 8 months.
Father was 34 years, 1 month.

Chart 3

Adoption Register Inquiries
(includes telephone, letter and personal contacts)

April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986

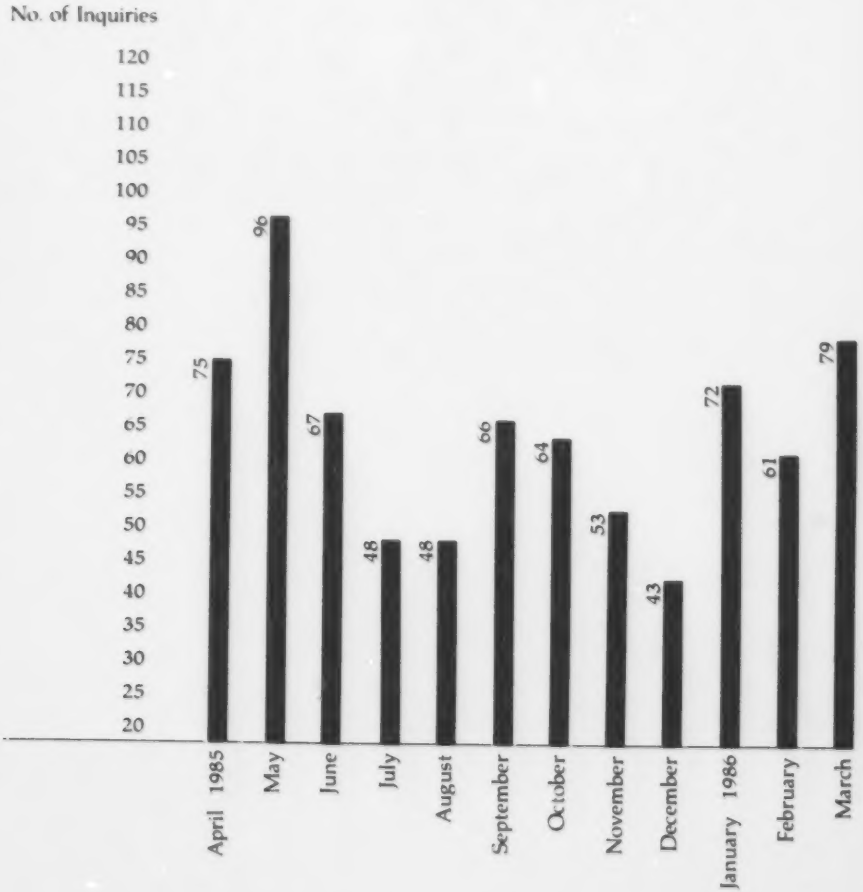
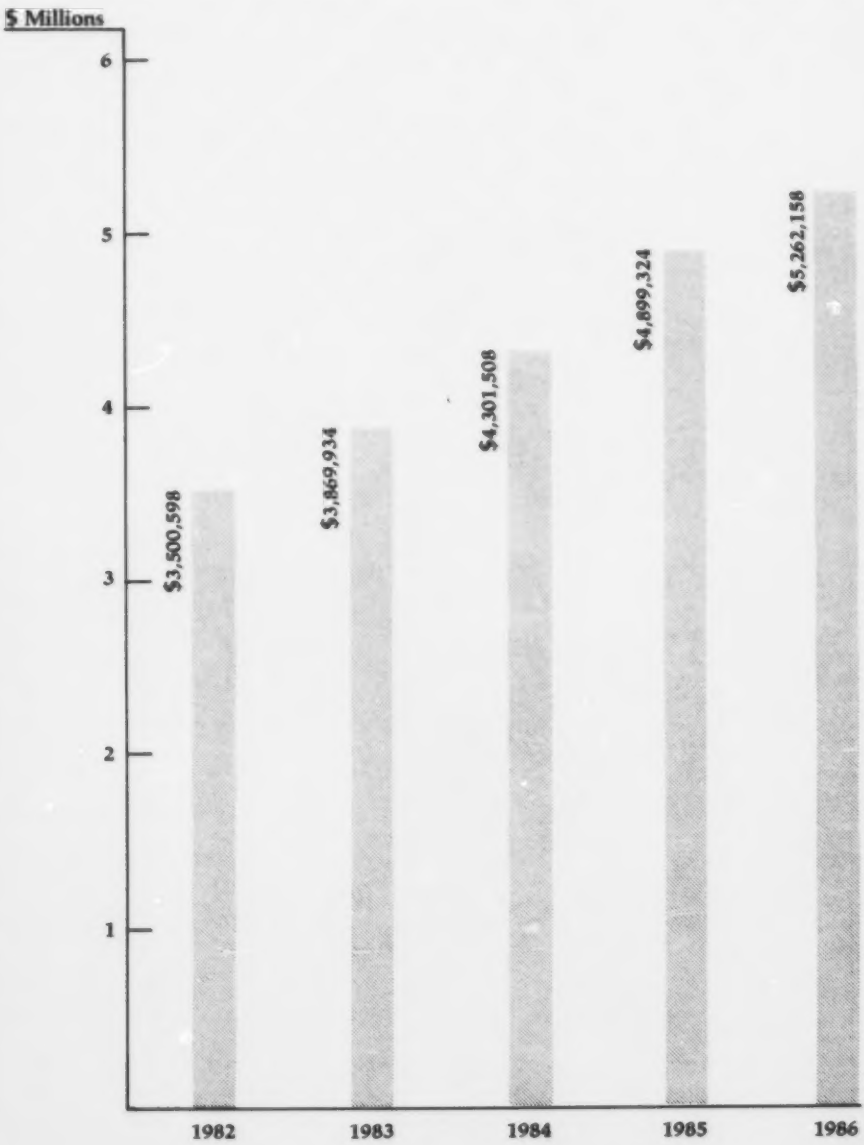


Chart 4

Day Care Subsidy Expenses



Social Services

Family Benefits Division

Bill Campbell, Director

The Family Benefits Division, formed on April 1, 1979, is responsible for the administration of the following income-support programs:

- Family Benefits
- Diabetic Assistance
- Family Benefits Pharmacare
- Senior Citizens Financial Aid
  - Seniors' Special Social Assistance
  - Property Tax Rebate
  - Rental Assistance.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Act provides for financial payments to be made to individuals or families who are in need and where the cause of need is likely to be of a prolonged nature (see Tables 17-20). The groups of individuals and families who may apply for benefits are:

- *Aged.* People 65 years of age and over who are not eligible to receive federal Old Age Security payments.

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- *Disabled.* People who are 18 years of age and over and have a major physical or mental impairment likely to be present for at least one year, which prevents participation in the regular labour market, and who are not eligible for Old Age Security (see Table 21).
- *Unemployable women.* Women who are single, deserted, divorced or widowed, and are 60-65 years of age.
- *Mothers.* Any mother with a dependent child or children in her care and custody and who is widowed; deserted; divorced; the wife of a man sentenced to two years or longer in a federal penitentiary; unmarried and has reached the age of majority; or the wife of a disabled man who is in hospital or a similar institution.
- *Foster parents.* For individuals having in their care and custody a dependent child who is not being maintained by the natural parents, the maximum payment is $99 for the first child and $89 for each additional child, up to $458 per month.
- *Disabled fathers.* A father who is disabled and has a dependent child or children in his care and custody.

A dependent child is a person under the age of 18 who is not employed and is dependent on his or her parent or parents for support. Benefits may be paid on behalf of a dependent child who is between the ages of 18 and 21 and pursuing an educational program.

Payments

Family Benefits payments, with the exception of those made to foster parents, are determined on the basis of a needs test. This test compares the total of actual shelter costs (e.g., rent, mortgage, electricity and fuel) up to a maximum level depending on family size, and personal allowances for adults and children, with the income available to the individual or family. The difference is the Family Benefits entitlement. Payments are mailed at the end of each month and represent the entitlement for the following month. (Refer to Charts 5 and 6).

Assets

An individual granted Family Benefits as a disabled person, an aged person or as an unemployable woman may have $3,000 in cash or liquid assets and still receive benefits if all other eligibility requirements have been met. When the disabled or aged person is married and living with his or her spouse, the assets are increased to $5,500.

If the eligible person is a mother with a dependent child, she may have cash or liquid assets of $2,500 and still receive benefits. A disabled father or a mother may also set up a trust fund for each dependent child and, provided the fund does not exceed $1,500, benefits may be paid. The trust fund may be used, if approved by the Director of Family Benefits, to improve the education of the child beyond the high school level.

Work Incentives

A single disabled recipient of Family Benefits may earn from employment up to $100 per month without affecting his or her monthly entitlement. Where there are gross wages of more than $100 per month, 75% of the excess wages are taken into account when calculating the monthly Family Benefits entitlement. The basic exemption of $100 is increased to $200 if the recipient is married and lives with his or her spouse.

A single mother may also earn up to $200 per month without any reduction to her monthly entitlement. Gross wages of more than the basic exemption of $200 are taken into account at 75% when determining the monthly entitlement.

Administration

The Family Benefits Program converted from a clerically administered program to a computer-assisted administration in 1968. The computer program calculates the monthly entitlement, prints the monthly cheques, produces a cheque register and monthly and annual statistics, and provides a review cycle system for the regular assessment of recipient eligibility.

On June 1, 1978, the Family Benefits Program became the first program to convert to the Department's computerized management information system, which has as its base a departmental client index. This conversion changes batch turnaround from 30 days to one day, retaining the original features. It also provides other features such as identification through the Client Index of clients involved in other programs of the Department.

Regulations Schedules

Major changes to the Family Benefits Program were put into effect on July 1, 1980, that necessitated the use of two schedules of regulations: Schedule A and Schedule B. The latter is used for all applications received after July 1, 1980, and for all recipients, in pay prior to that date, who are entitled to a better benefit than under Schedule A. As of March 31, 1986, approximately 98% of recipients received benefits under the provisions of Schedule B.

Legislative Amendments

Two amendments were made to the Family Benefits Act during the 1983 spring session of the House of Assembly.

The first amendment, which became effective September 1, 1983, allows the Director of Family Benefits to grant benefits to an unmarried mother with a dependent child in her care in extraordinary and compelling circumstances, and when an adequate income from other sources is not available for support. The regulations define "income from other sources" as "earned and unearned income of the unmarried mother, father, paternal and maternal grandparents of the child and municipal social assistance paid pursuant to Part II of the Social Assistance Act."

The second amendment to the Act defines the term "officer of the department" and allows such an officer of the Department to have all the powers, duties, functions and immunities of the Director under the Act. Some exceptions are provided for in the regulations.

This second amendment permits the decentralization of the decision-making process of the Family Benefits Program.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents

Effective September 1, 1983, amendments were made to the Family Benefits regulations to provide additional benefits, not exceeding $200 per month, to cover the actual costs incurred by recipients who participate in a rehabilitation program. This provision applies to disabled individuals and to single mothers. These additional benefits coincide with and complement the implementation of a vocational rehabilitation program for single parents receiving Family Benefits—a program administered by the Rehabilitation and Community Services Division (refer to the report of that division for a more complete description of this program).

It is expected that the availability of vocational rehabilitation services and the additional Family Benefits funds will help single parents become and remain financially independent.

Decentralization

The decision-making function of the Family Benefits Program for the Halifax/Dartmouth metro area was transferred to the Halifax Regional Office on December 5, 1983. A supervisor, a chief clerk and a secretary were transferred to the Sydney Regional Office effective December 1984 to administer the decentralized programs. It is expected that the decentralization will improve the service to Family Benefits clients by bringing decision-making staff closer to both the Family Benefits social service workers and the clients.

Diabetic Assistance

On May 1, 1960, the Department of Health implemented a new program to provide medication and testing materials free of charge to diabetics whose annual income was $3,600 or less. The program was financed through health grants from the Government of Canada. On April 1, 1968, this program was transferred to the Department of Social Services and the test of eligibility changed from an income level to one of financial need. The change of eligibility enables diabetics with an income greater than $3,600, but with family responsibilities, to qualify for free medication and testing materials.

Diabetics who were receiving free medication prior to the transfer of the program and unable to meet the needs test requirement continued to receive their medication with the cost being met 100% by the Department of Health. The income ceiling for those diabetics who remained the financial responsibility of the Health Department was increased on February 1, 1974, to $4,800 per annum from the original $3,600. As of March 31, 1984, the Department of Health no longer has any financial involvement in any part of the Diabetic Assistance program.

Each diabetic is provided with an identity card, to be presented to a pharmacy of choice, to obtain particular requirements. Pharmacies are reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance/Maritime Medical Care on behalf of the Department of Social Services. (Refer to Table 22.)

Family Benefits Pharmacare Program

On September 1, 1981, a Pharmacare program was introduced to provide free prescription drugs, prescribed ostomy equipment, and diabetic supplies such as disposable needles and testing materials for all disabled recipients of Family Benefits.

Individuals who are granted benefits because they are disabled are automatically provided with Pharmacare coverage. Those who receive Family Benefits because they are single parents are required to demonstrate that they are disabled within the meaning of the Family Benefits Act and Regulations before becoming eligible for Pharmacare benefits.

Pharmacare benefits are not available to the spouse of a disabled person or to the dependent child of disabled people or single parents. Residents of Homes for Special Care who receive Family Benefits are also ineligible to receive Pharmacare benefits.

An identification card is issued to each eligible recipient on the first day of every month. On presentation of this Pharmacare card, and a prescription prepared by a physician or dentist, to a Nova Scotia pharmacy, the Family Benefits recipient receives the prescribed medication. The pharmacy is reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance and Maritime Medical Care Inc.

The benefits of the Pharmacare program are identical to the benefits provided under the Senior Citizens Pharmacare Program. (Refer to Table 23.)

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs

During spring 1981, a bill to replace Part IV of the Social Assistance Act was introduced. The bill received assent on June 24, 1981, and is now Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1981, the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Act. This Act provides for three separate financial aid programs for senior citizens (refer to Table 24).

Seniors' Special Social Assistance

This program has been in effect since 1973 under the provisions of Part VI of the Social Assistance Act, and provides an annual lump-sum payment to recipients of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to the Old Age Security Pension. There are four levels of payment. The payment awarded to seniors depends on the level of their Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Property Tax Rebate

This program was first introduced in fall 1980. It provides a rebate of 50% of residential property taxes paid by seniors who own and regularly reside in their own homes and receive either a Guaranteed Income Supplement or a Spouse's Allowance.

Rental Assistance

This program, which became effective on April 1, 1981, provides a monthly assistance payment to seniors who rent their home and whose monthly rental payment exceeds 30% of their monthly income. Rental Assistance is available to seniors who receive a Guaranteed Income Supplement or a Spouse's Allowance or who are single and have an annual income of $9,800 or less. Maximum rent amounts are used for single people and for married couples when determining the level of a Rental Assistance payment.

Table 17

Family Benefits Caseload by Categories

On March 31 of each year of five-year period ending March 31, 1986

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Widows	1,044	938	874	783	663
Wives of Disabled Husbands	26	19	14	13	12
Disabled Persons	11,065	11,677	12,214	12,817	12,670
Wives of Prisoners	23	21	20	21	24
Deserted Mothers	2,536	2,737	2,796	2,955	2,983
Foster Children	302	277	263	243	211
Unmarried Mothers	2,536	2,906	3,079	3,222	3,304
Divorced Mothers	1,480	1,605	1,693	1,681	1,599
Unemployable Women	78	78	86	84	43
Disabled Fathers	1,618	1,652	1,695	1,752	1,766
Aged	27	32	34	30	29
Total	20,735	21,942	22,768	23,601	23,304

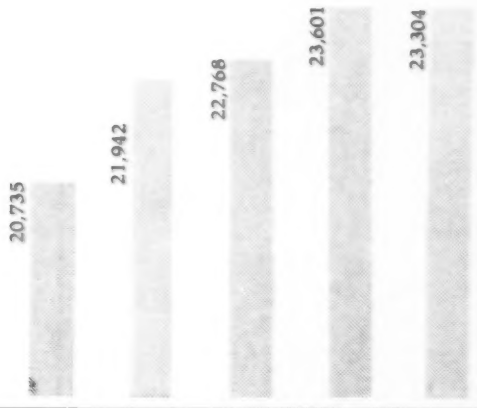


Table 18

Average Monthly Family Benefits Payments by Categories

On March 31 of each year of five-year period ending March 31, 1985

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Widows	$318.02	$317.91	$342.24	$360.00	$379.00
Wives of Disabled Husbands	364.04	358.61	304.08	338.00	413.00
Disabled Persons	268.41	278.03	296.84	310.00	324.00
Wives of Prisoners	469.74	481.68	611.62	635.00	539.00
Deserted Mothers	453.35	476.83	518.28	544.00	565.00
Foster Children	112.72	110.28	107.63	122.00	126.00
Unmarried Mothers	389.17	410.70	448.92	486.00	520.00
Divorced Mothers	431.81	459.89	504.93	525.00	543.00
Unemployable Women	252.01	262.87	273.57	269.00	330.00
Disabled Fathers	444.20	443.19	450.45	474.00	490.00
Aged	252.01	294.41	286.48	327.00	344.00

Number of children benefiting from Family Benefits Program	21,689
Average number of children per case (families only)	2.05
Total number of persons benefiting under the Family Benefits Program	44,795
Average monthly Family Benefits as of March 31, 1986	$410.00

Table 19

Gross Family Benefits Expenditures by Categories

On March 31 of each year of five-year period ending March 31, 1986

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Widows	$ 4,005,246	$ 3,483,237	$ 4,189,350	$ 3,482,642	$ 2,939,100
Wives of Disabled Husbands	299,085	78,592	74,310	73,874	59,508
Disabled Persons	32,945,727	41,173,701	44,003,700	45,802,010	48,529,548
Wives of Prisoners	125,750	132,522	135,551	147,748	148,050
Deserted Mothers	12,589,303	13,508,271	15,509,001	18,040,417	19,897,980
Foster Children	438,512	348,900	419,812	337,711	310,008
Unmarried Mothers	10,517,734	11,878,149	13,097,954	17,392,102	20,249,772
Divorced Mothers	7,107,471	7,535,955	8,320,999	10,342,391	10,200,024
Unemployable Women	214,171	223,387	317,421	284,943	162,450
Disabled Fathers	8,087,245	8,022,791	10,704,191	9,508,007	10,149,570
Aged	87,604	102,180	148,380	110,089	119,730
Totals	$70,417,914	$80,487,811	$90,920,675	$105,534,000	$112,852,072

Table 20

Family Benefits Caseload and Liability by Counties

March 1986

	Number of Allowances Paid	Monthly Liability
Annapolis	571	$ 225,111
Antigonish	393	152,148
Cape Breton	5,413	2,269,602
Colchester	1,026	441,806
Cumberland	1,140	409,148
Digby	642	248,444
Guysborough	365	135,583
Halifax	6,074	2,658,575
Hants	714	272,548
Inverness	690	261,480
Kings	1,244	508,658
Lunenburg	951	370,762
Pictou	1,502	603,103
Queens	339	123,133
Richmond	378	147,728
Shelburne	347	119,516
Victoria	200	76,746
Yarmouth	907	368,215
Totals	22,896	$9,392,306

Table 21

Nature of Disabilities of Disabled Persons Receiving Family Benefits

On March 31, 1980

Salmonella Infections	2
Other Intestinal Infections	4
Tuberculosis	44
Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever	2
Polio	35
Viral Encephalitis	2
Infectious Hepatitis	4
Other Infectious Diseases	9
Cancer	179
Leukemia	6
Benign Cancer	37
Carcinoma of Cervix Uteri	1
Neoplasms of Unspecified Nature	3
Nontoxic Goiter	2
Thyrotoxicosis	5
Diseases of Thyroid Gland	17
Diabetes	254
Other Endocrine Diseases	9
Nutritional Deficiency	4
Disorders of Metabolism	11
Other Metabolic Diseases	11
Iron Deficiency Anemias	5
Anemias	7
Blood Diseases	5
Alcoholic Psychosis	32
Schizophrenia	1,523
Affective Psychoses	329
Other Psychoses	182
Neuroses	114
Alcoholism	88
Drug Dependence	11
Non-psychotic Mental Disorders	1,048
Mental Retardation	3,703
Inflammatory Diseases	15
Diseases of Nervous System	22
Multiple Sclerosis	77
Cerebral Palsy	194
Epilepsy	387
Diseases of Nervous System	416

Inflammatory Eye Diseases	12
Strabismus	2
Cataract	10
Glaucoma	22
Other Eye Diseases	300
Mastoiditis	10
Ear Diseases	79
Active Rheumatic Fever	1
Rheumatic Heart Disease	16
Hypertension	609
Heart Disease	786
Cerebral Hemorrhage	23
Stroke	90
Arteriosclerosis	48
Artery Diseases	38
Pulmonary Embolism	6
Phlebitis & Thrombosis	15
Varicose Veins	15
Circulatory System Diseases	29
Upper Respiratory Infection	9
Influenza	1
Bronchitis & Emphysema	397
Asthma	66
Chronic Sinusitis	4
Lung Diseases	30
Empyema & Abscess of Lung	6
Pneumoconiosis	6
Respiratory System Disease	105
Diseases of Teeth	1
Ulcer of Duodenum	24
Ulcer of Stomach	23
Gastritis & Duodenitis	18
Esophagus/Stomach Disease	21
Hernia without Obstruction	13
Hernia with Obstruction	7
Intestinal Obstruction	5
Chronic Colitis	18
Intestinal Disease	16
Cirrhosis of Liver	38
Other Liver Diseases	3
Cholelithiasis	2
Gall Bladder Disease	7
Pancreas Disease	13
Nephritis & Nephrosis	19
Kidney Infections	22

(Cont'd)

(Table 21 continued)

Calculus of Urinary System	3
Urinary System Diseases	28
Redundant Prepuce & Phimosis	7
Ovary/Fallopian Tube Disease	1
Female Genital Organs Disease	1
Abortion	1
Complications of Puerperium	1
Skin & Tissue Disease	31
Arthritis	1,024
Osteoarthritis	376
Bone Disease	77
Slipped Disc	156
Joint Diseases	284
Synovitis/Bursitis/Tonosynovitis	9
Musculoskeletal System Disease	200
Spina Bifida	15
Congenital Anomalies of Heart	1
Cleft Palate & Cleft Lip	5
Congenital Anomalies/Digestive	1
Congenital Anomalies/Urinary	4
Congenital Anomalies/Skeletal System	30
Congenital Anomalies	21
Birth Injury	6
Asphyxia/Anoxia/Hypoxia	3
Hemolytic Disease of Newborn	3
Observation	2
Senility	6
Skull Fracture	32
Spine & Trunk Fractures	36
Upper Limb Fractures	16
Femur Fracture	35
Lower Limb Fracture	48
Dislocations & Sprains	38
Internal Injury, Chest/Pelvis	5
Other	14
Foreign Bodies	3
Burns	5
Amputations	178
Surgical Complications	4
Effects of External Causes	11
Examinations without Sickness	7

Table 22

Diabetic Assistance
Number of Recipients and Liability

March 31, 1986

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Liability
1981-82	754	$172,047
1982-83	680	$164,506
1983-84	620	$205,891
1984-85	591	$205,345
1985-86	577	$230,397

Table 23

Pharmacare
Number of Recipients and Liability

March 31, 1986

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Liability
1981-82*	12,291	$1,518,949
1982-83	13,736	$3,363,038
1983-84	13,900	$4,519,498
1984-85	14,004	$4,740,680
1985-86	13,911	$5,912,004

*Program began September 1, 1981.

Table 24

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs

March 31, 1986

Seniors' Special Social Assistance

Fiscal Year	Levels of Payment	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1977-78	150, 135, 100, 75	48,948	$ 6,492,520
1978-79	150, 135, 100, 75	51,827	$ 6,754,155
1979-80	162, 146, 100, 81	52,800	$ 7,504,742
1980-81	176, 159, 115, 88	53,409	$ 8,144,045
1981-82	198, 178, 132, 99	54,432	$ 9,281,113
1982-83	219, 197, 146, 109	56,286	$10,556,581
1983-84	219, 197, 146, 109	56,616	$10,449,038
1984-85	219, 197, 146, 109	57,170	$10,444,662
1985-86	219, 197, 146, 109	58,302	$10,543,147

Property Tax Rebate

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1980-81	21,074	$2,167,950
1981-82	21,297	$2,405,474
1982-83	20,135	$2,690,441
1983-84	18,967	$2,624,530
1984-85	18,600	$2,694,006
1985-86	19,130	$3,001,237

Rental Assistance

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1981-82	1,789	$ 902,221.21
1982-83	1,650	$ 940,008.00
1983-84	1,600	$1,083,174.24
1984-85	1,950	$1,211,327.00
1985-86	1,830	$1,036,366.00

Chart 5

Total Family Benefits Budget

March 31, 1982 to March 31, 1986

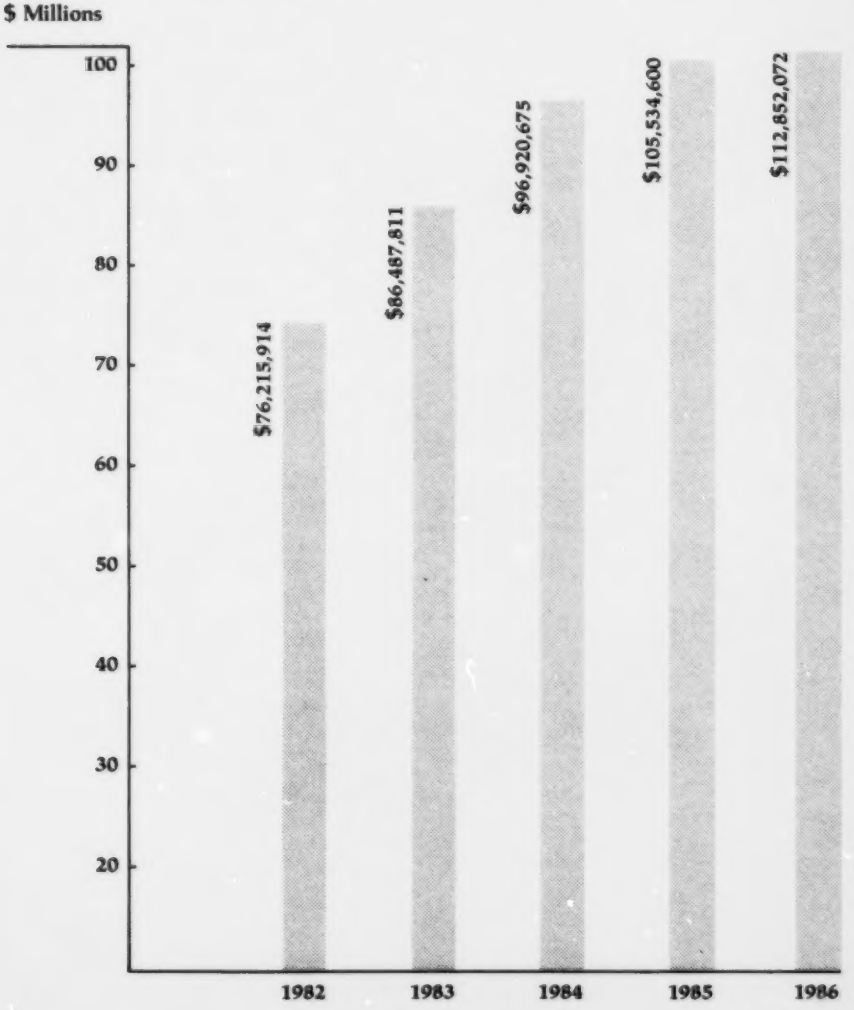
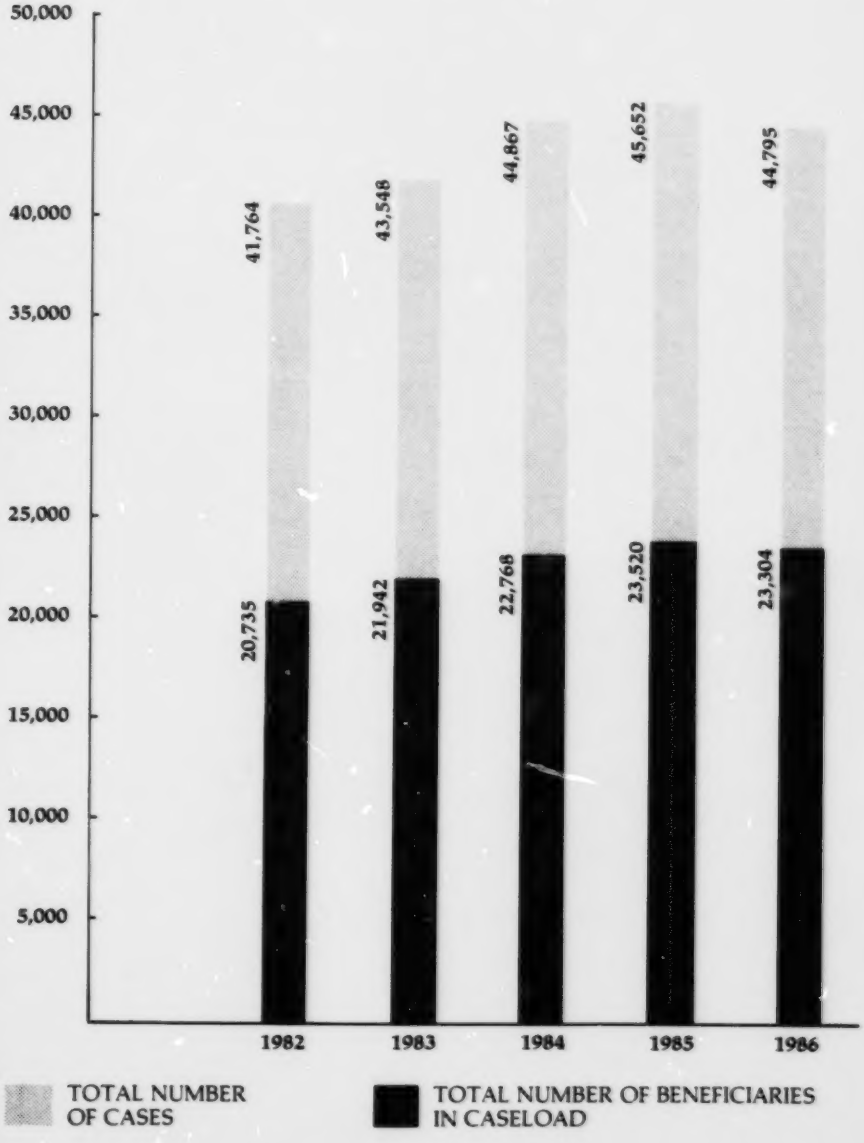


Chart 6

Family Benefits Recipients in Relation to Beneficiaries

1982-1986



Social Services

Rehabilitation and Community Services Division

James A. MacIsaac, M.S.W., Administrator

The Rehabilitation and Community Services Division is comprised of the following sections:

- Rehabilitation and Community Services
- Services for the Mentally Handicapped
- Municipal Social Services
- Classifications and Assessments
- Adult Protection Services, and
- Dietetic Consultant Services.

The primary responsibility of this division is to see that a full range of rehabilitation services, financial income-maintenance programs, Homes for Special Care, community-based residential options, vocational workshops, adult protection services, dietetic consultation services and provincial facilities are provided for the socially, physically and/or mentally handicapped and for aged people.

Staff of Rehabilitation and Community Services Division

The Division works with municipal authorities and community organizations in the orderly development, maintenance and co-ordination of social service programs. This involves the planning and monitoring of services, and includes setting standards, conducting program evaluations, consultation and inspection of facilities in carrying out regular assessments and classifications of clients, and investigations and assessments of cases referred under the Adult Protection Services legislation. These services are provided under the authority of the Social Assistance Act, the Homes for Special Care Act, the Federal-Provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement, Adult Protection Services and Dietetic Consultant Services. (Refer to Table 25.)

Rehabilitation and Community Services Section

George H. Matthews, Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Service Centres and Workshops

During the year, an addition to the Revolving Door Adult Service Centre in Paradise, N.S., was completed with the co-operation of the

Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) and the workshop Board. The addition allowed the transfer of the woodworking shop from the second floor of the existing building to the new addition at ground level. This workshop also opened a canteen and gift shop to the travelling public, open 7 days a week and 14 hours a day. The staffing was handled by clients employed at the workshop. This is an innovative effort from two points of view: the clients are directly serving the public, and the workshop has had to initiate a schedule of shifts to cover the operation during its extended hours.

The Board of the Flower Cart Workshop in New Minas undertook a major facelift of their existing facility and expect to more than double the size of the workshop. When renovations are completed in spring 1986, the Wolfville Workshop will be amalgamated into the Flower Cart Workshop and will close its doors in Wolfville.

During winter 1986, the Halifax Adult Service Centre acquired additional space to move the operation of its Atlantic Bag Manufacturing to new and enlarged facilities. The freed space will allow an expansion of the Developmental II Program.

Total funding for workshops in this fiscal year was $2.5 million.

Work Activity Projects

The Work Activity Project in Dartmouth continues to provide an excellent service to persons finding it difficult to get into or remain in the labour market for extended periods of time.

The Neighbourhood Work Activity Program in Halifax will close its doors on March 31, 1986. The Department has accepted a new proposal from the Human Resources Development Association to operate a new work activity program under the name OPTIONS, effective April 1, 1986.

The South Shore Work Activity Project in Chester has started to develop a viable program and should be fully operational in the next fiscal year.

Total funding for Work Activity Projects in this fiscal year was $1.1 million.

Special Projects

Norma Lloyd, Supervisor

The 1985 Summer Employment Programs continued to employ high school and university students in challenging positions.

Day camps for autistic children were again operated and supervised by the Department. A portion of the funding for the program this year came from the federal government, with the Department picking up the remaining costs. The Employment Program for Young Disabled once again provided jobs to meet the ability and interest of disabled people presently in high schools and universities. Nine-day camp programs were operated in Halifax, Dartmouth, Sackville, New Waterford and Glace Bay for children with special needs.

Three residential camps for children and adults were operated at Camp Hilles in West Paradise, Camp Canso in Canso, and Camp AiteBreagh in Orangedale.

The Counsellor-in-training Program provided an extensive nine-week program for young people not old enough or needing training in the necessary skills to become camp counsellors. The program culminated in a seven-day camp for children from the Caledonia Boys' and Girls' Club in Dartmouth that gave the counsellors-in-training a chance to use their newly acquired skills in a camping situation.

Students were employed in the following areas during summer 1985:

Working with Young Disabled (Social Services)	30
Working with Young Disabled (Development)	10
Group Homes	17
Day Camps for Autistic Children	12
Camp Hilles	17
Camp AiteBreagh	19
Camp Canso	15
Day Camps	38
Counsellors-in-training	18
Adult Service Centres	28
Homes for Special Care	74
Clerical Positions	43
Disabled Adults	24
Single Parents	36
Homemakers	21
Total	402

The Department of Development paid for 253 of these positions under its Provincial Employment Summer Program.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons

Under federal-provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act and Agreement (VRDP), this program provides vocational assessment and planning services to disabled persons throughout the province. The VRDP agreement establishes the definition of disability and financial commitment in which the two levels of government participate.

The staff of this vocational rehabilitation program work with the Department of Vocational and Technical Training and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) to provide an individualized vocational plan for disabled people applying for service. Training for disabled individuals includes the usual range of options, from trades training to university education. Prevocational training and academic upgrading are provided when required.

Training allowances are paid to vocational rehabilitation clients attending a training program by either the Department of Vocational and Technical Training or CEIC. A medical or adaptive aid may be required to enable some disabled people to participate in a training program. The Department of Social Services supplies the funds to meet the cost of these devices.

Some disabled persons require a period of work assessment to determine their aptitudes and their ability to work. In these cases, a work assessment program is arranged by a vocational rehabilitation counsellor in concert with an employer, who agrees to accept the disabled person in a work setting for two weeks to three months. During this period, factors such as work habits, ability to follow directions, initiative, attendance, and potential for training and/or employment are assessed. Using this valuable information, the vocational rehabilitation counsellor, in conjunction with the client, can determine the best course of action for occupational or on-the-job training.

The primary objective of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons is to enable disabled individuals to become gainfully employed following a period of assessment, counselling and training. As a result of its services, many disabled Nova Scotians are able to become employed and assume an independent lifestyle.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents

The Rehabilitation and Community Services Division, in concert with the Family Benefits Division, provides vocational rehabilitation

services for single parents receiving Family Benefits. (See Table 26.) The objectives for this program are two-fold:

- to enable single parents to become gainfully employed on either a part-time or full-time basis following a period of assessment, counselling, and training or retraining if required, and
- to enhance single parents' family management and parenting skills.

The primary emphasis is to enable single parents receiving Family Benefits to become financially independent of public social assistance.

The services provided under this program include educational or vocational assessment or both, individual and group guidance and counselling, development of an individualized vocational plan, assistance with training and employment placement, and referral services.

To offset the additional costs a single parent may incur while participating in an approved vocational training program, the Department of Social Services can provide a rehabilitation allowance to a maximum of $200 per month, over and above the Family Benefits payment. This rehabilitation allowance may be used for one or a combination of the following expenses:

- course tuition in special circumstances
- approved transportation costs
- approved child-care expenses
- items of special need (including clothing or other work-related expenses associated with the vocational rehabilitation program), and/or
- a job search allowance.

The program is designed to complement the work-incentive provisions within the Family Benefits Program and to augment but not duplicate the services that currently exist in the community for single parents. In the first 30 months of service delivery, over 300 single parents involved in the program have obtained employment, and the great majority are now independent of public assistance.

Services for the Mentally Handicapped

J. Ross Thorpe, B.Ed., M.A., Director

This section is concerned with the delivery of residential services and the development and co-ordination of other programs appropriate to

the needs of the mentally handicapped. Mentally handicapped people include those who are intellectually or developmentally impaired and those who are functionally disabled as a result of mental illness or long-term institutionalization. The services delivered come under two categories:

- services directly financed and managed by the Department (i.e., Children's Training Centres, Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, a Foster Home Program for Mentally Handicapped Children, and an In-Home Support Program.)
- services of organizations that operate with the guidance of the Department and whose operating costs are cost-shared by the province (i.e., Adult Residential Centres, Community Residences, Palmeter's Country Nursing Home, Regional Rehabilitation Centres, and the In-Home Support Program.)

The Department works closely with voluntary organizations and municipalities to develop more comprehensive systems of service delivery so each mentally handicapped person may become as fully integrated into the community as his or her disability will allow.

Future placement of mentally handicapped people in institutions will hopefully be limited to those individuals requiring a degree of programming, supervision or care that cannot be provided in smaller, community residential situations.

Children's Services

William A. McCarron, B.A., M.S.W.
Co-ordinator of Services for the Mentally Handicapped

A mentally handicapping condition can range from very mild to very severe, and a mental handicap may be accompanied by one or more forms of physical disability, which also range in severity. Thus, an array of services is required to meet the needs of children at various levels of functioning. This array of services also provides a progression through which a child can move. These services include:

- support and assistance to parents maintaining a severely handicapped child at home
- residential placement, education and training at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre (see Table 27)
- foster home care

- personal care and training in a Children's Training Centre (see Table 28), and
- personal care and training in a Nursing Home.

Support and Assistance to Parents Maintaining a Handicapped Child at Home

The Department of Social Services operates a limited In-Home Support Program to provide financial assistance to parents maintaining a severely handicapped child at home in an effort to keep a family unit together. Financial assistance provided to the family under this program is aimed at the extraordinary costs incurred owing to the child's disability. Assistance can be provided towards the cost of such items as drugs, necessary supplies, transportation to and from medical appointments, respite care and special needs items.

Eligibility for inclusion in the In-Home Support Program is limited to those families who qualify for all or part of the Child Tax Credit on their most recent income tax return. The amount of assistance is determined on an individual family basis and the monthly maximum in any given situation is no more than $300. The program ends at the child's eighteenth birthday, or sooner if other program guidelines are not met.

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

John A. Walker, M.S.W., Superintendent

The Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre is a provincial residential school operated by the Department of Social Services for mildly and moderately handicapped children. The school is located in Bible Hill, Colchester County.

The policy of the admissions committee is that, whenever possible, children should remain in their own homes and attend school in their local area. For social, educational and family reasons, it is not possible for some children to benefit from community programs; thus, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre exists.

The primary purpose of the centre is to provide education and training so these children will be better prepared for life in the community. All programs are planned to help students develop intellectually, socially and emotionally so they can return to and participate in a community setting. The school program is greatly enhanced by programs and organizations in the nearby community. Students participate in community work programs, and local clubs such as Sea Cadets, Air Cadets, Boys and Girls Clubs, and the

Staff counselling at Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

Y.M.C.A. They also participate in sports events in co-operation with local schools.

The centre is designed to accommodate 198 students. Its facilities include residences, a classroom complex, an indoor pool, a gymnasium, extensive playgrounds and outdoor rinks. The centre operates during the school year and all students return to their communities for summer and Christmas vacations. Services are financed and directed by the Department of Social Services.

Foster Home Care

This program provides a child with an alternate home setting on a temporary or permanent basis. A foster home placement is sometimes preferable to placing the child in an institutional facility. Most children placed in foster homes attend classes in local schools.

At the present time, a maximum of 15 children, ranging in age from six months to 18 years, can be accommodated in the Special Foster Care Program. The placement and supervision of the children in these special foster homes is supervised by a social service worker in consultation with local children's agencies.

The emphasis in this program is increasingly on helping children's agencies to arrange foster homes and on helping them to cope with the special needs of mentally handicapped children.

As of March 31, 1986, there were a total of 14 children in the nine active foster homes in the province. One child had been admitted to foster care during fiscal 1985/86 and one child had been discharged from foster care during that same period.

Personal Care and Training in a Children's Training Centre

Children's Training Centres are residential training facilities that provide personal care and developmental training to severely mentally handicapped children who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to remain at home with their natural parents. At present, Children's Training Centres are located in Dartmouth, Digby, Pictou and Sydney.

The goal of the Children's Training Centre is to have these children learn basic life skills such as feeding, dressing, and toilet training so they can eventually return to their homes or to non-institutionalized settings. In pursuit of this goal, counselling staff at Children's Training Centres carry out individual programs for each child in residence, and an academic teacher on the staff of each centre provides modified academic classroom instruction to the children. Each child is encouraged to develop to the fullest extent of his or her abilities. A number of children in the Children's Training Centres have progressed to the point where they can now attend special education classes in the regular school system on a day basis while living at the Children's Training Centre.

When a child is admitted to a Children's Training Centre, his or her parent or legal guardian must sign a Voluntary Care Agreement under the Children's Services Act. Parents maintain legal custody of their child, and the Department of Social Services, through the Children's Training Centre, agrees to provide the child with care and training for one year. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's training, by participating in long-term goal setting and by maintaining frequent contact with their child by taking the child home on vacations and holidays and by visiting regularly. The Voluntary Care Agreement may be renewed as required.

The Children's Training Centres also offer a service called respite care to families who are maintaining a severely mentally handicapped child at home. The Children's Training Centre will take in such a child for a weekend, a week or some other short time period to give the family a break from the continual care the child demands.

All admissions to the Children's Training Centres, whether regular or respite, are screened by an admissions committee. This

committee gathers all necessary information on each child seeking admission and decides which program placement is in the child's best interests. (Refer to Table 28.)

Personal Care and Training in a Nursing Home

This level of are is reserved for mentally handicapped children requiring nursing care or very heavy personal care, or both. As of March 31, 1985, 24 children resided in this setting. The emphasis in this unit is on nursing, personal care and developmental training. As indicated earlier, a special unit has been established in the Sydney Children's Training Centre to provide this level of care to children from Cape Breton Island.

Adult Institutional Services

Miss Barbara Carbonell, R.N., P.G.
Co-ordinator of Services for the Post-Mentally Ill

Adult institutional services for the mentally handicapped provide accommodation and programs for:

- individuals who have previously received treatment as psychiatric casualities, usually as in-patients of psychiatric facilities
- other mentally handicapped adults, many of whom have behaviour disorders, or
- people with degenerative disorders, including the aged, who have additional behaviour problems that make them unsuitable for other placement alternatives.

These services are provided in Regional Rehabilitation Centres and Adult Residential Centres.

Regional Rehabilitation Centres

Regional Rehabilitation Centres are situated in Waterville, Kings County, for the western region; Sydney River, Cape Breton County, for people from Cape Breton Island; and in Cole Harbour, Halifax County, for people from the rest of mainland Nova Scotia.

These centres are intended to provide the most intensive level of rehabilitation and developmental programming for people with the highest potential to move on to less-restrictive alternatives in the

community. They have a level of staffing and expertise necessary to respond to people whose disordered behaviour represents a severe management problem.

Regional Rehabilitation Centres are operated by local levels of government under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and are cost-shared 100% by the Department. Centres have a total current capacity of 384 people (see Table 29).

Adult Residential Centres

Adult Residential Centres are situated at Sydney River, Mabou, Riverton, Pugwash, Beaverbank, Barrington, Yarmouth, Dayspring and Bridgetown. They serve a second level of needs: the needs of individuals who are mentally handicapped and require more stable, longer-term living environments. Rehabilitation training and developmental programming form a significant but less intensive part of their services.

Adult Residential Centres seek close relationships with their neighbourhood communities and services (e.g., dentists, clinics, library services, sheltered workshops, and job-experience training). In many cases, these people and facilities are closely involved with local branches of advocacy organizations working for the mentally handicapped, and play a major role in developing public awareness of the needs of the mentally handicapped.

Adult Residential Centres can currently accommodate 822 mentally handicapped people and are operated by various municipalities, municipal corporations or private corporations. The Department cost-shares with municipalities towards the subsidized costs of these services.

The period 1985-86 was one of intensive planning related to replacement facilities in Annapolis and Cape Breton counties. Construction of a new, 33-bed Adult Residential Centre in Annapolis to replace the existing facility is underway. The new facility is expected to be completed in March 1987. In conjunction with this new facility, a supervised home in Bridgetown consisting of three apartments will be constructed. It will accommodate eight individuals from the existing Adult Residential Centre who require community integrative training. Construction of this community-based option is expected to begin in the near future, and its opening date will coincide with that of the new Adult Residential Centre. In keeping with the philosophy of deinstitutionalization, an overall reduction of 31 institutionally based beds in Annapolis County will be realized.

The Cape Breton Region has been active over the last year in planning for community-based options for 45 individuals currently residing in the Gardiner Centre. Plans are in the final stages, with a closure date for this Adult Residential Centre expected to be October 1986, creating a further reduction of 45 institutional beds.

Community Residential Services

Andre McConnell, B.A., M.S.W., Co-ordinator

Since 1969, when the first Group Home opened, the number of specialized community residences for mentally handicapped and physically disabled adults has grown to 31, with 4 residences now in the planning and implementation stages. The breakdown is as follows:

In operation—

Group Homes for mentally handicapped persons	16
Developmental residences for mentally handicapped persons	9
Group Homes for mentally disabled persons	5
Group Homes for physically disabled persons	1
Total	31

Implementation stage—

Group Homes for mentally handicapped persons	4
Group Homes for mentally disabled persons	1
Total	5

These are all small residential facilities; most were family homes renovated to accommodate 6-10 residents. Programs vary according to the needs of the residents. All stress development of the basic life and community-integration skills necessary to help the individual to eventually live as independently as possible.

Residents normally work or take part in vocational and educational programs during the day. They are encouraged to use available community services and recreational facilities whenever possible. Funding is shared by the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

A number of community residential alternatives to institutional care, such as group homes and developmental residences, continue to become available. In many parts of the province, apartment living

arrangements are another option—two or more people share an apartment, with either live-in or drop-in supervision.

Community training homes operating in Kings and Digby counties are another alternative. They provide an opportunity for individuals to live in households in the community with private citizens. The surrogate parents (residential associates) are screened, trained and supervised by professional staff. The focus is on self-help skills and social adjustment for severely mentally handicapped individuals.

The past year has seen the implementation of another alternative in the form of a supported living arrangement for three handicapped people who had previously been living in developmental residences. This new option has been developed to provide housing for up to three moderately to severely handicapped individuals in a rented unit (e.g., house, flat, duplex). Trained staff are provided through a combination of live-in and shift models. This program will continue to expand during 1986-87.

Many mentally handicapped adults are also accommodated in residential care facilities and foster homes under the auspices of municipal governments.

There is a movement towards grouping community residential services of all types under the auspices of a regional residential board. There are presently five such regional boards operating across the province.

The pilot project for the provision of respite care, which began in January 1981, became an established program in July 1982. The main objective of this program is to provide occasional respite care for individuals living in the community and is intended to be utilized for emergencies, vacations and short breaks for the primary care provider. Except in extenuating circumstances, 30 days is recommended as the maximum annual stay for one person.

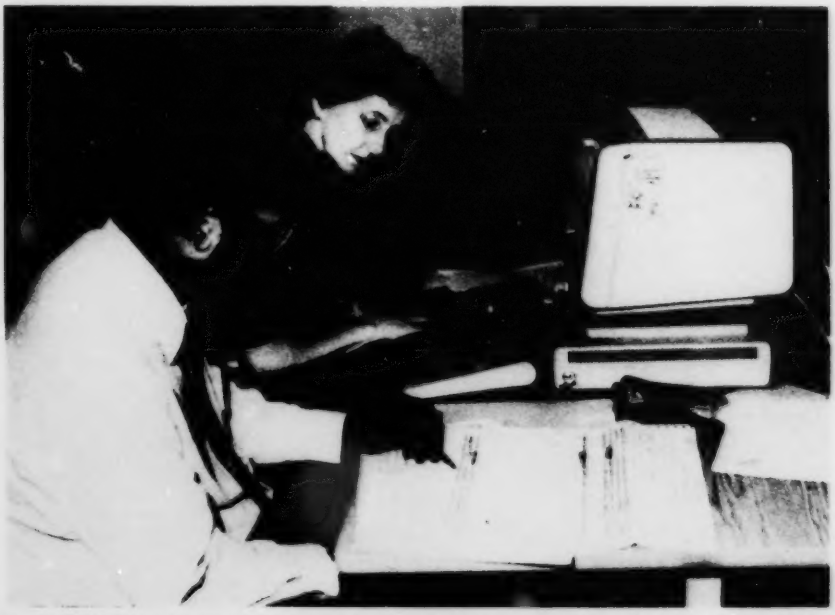
There is one Group Home for physically disabled adults, located in Halifax. This home provides living accommodations for six physically handicapped adults and is staffed on a full-time basis. The focus is to provide as independent a lifestyle as possible for each resident. Residents are expected to share the responsibilities of running the home and most plan to upgrade their education with the ultimate goal of employment. Through the experiences gained from living in the home, many individuals have moved on to less-structured settings in the community.

A new Group Home for mentally handicapped adults will become operational in Cheticamp by July 1986.

In fall 1986, two new Group Homes, one developmental residence, and three supported living arrangements will become

operational in Cape Breton to accommodate many of the residents moving from the Gardiner Centre, which will close at that time.

Approval has been given for the development in Clare of a new Group Home for mentally handicapped adults and this will be implemented in 1987. Two proposals for additional community residences from communities in the western region of the province remain under consideration.



Dr. Malcolm MacFarlane and Mrs. Laraine Robichaud working on classification of applications for Homes for Special Care

Municipal Social Services

Michael K. Johnston, M.S.W.
Director of General Assistance and Administration

The provincial Social Assistance Act (Part II) authorizes the municipal level of government to provide financial assistance on a cost-shared basis to people in need for a short time or to those who require supplementation to income that is insufficient to meet their needs.

A needs test is used to determine initial and ongoing eligibility and the amount of assistance required. Assistance payments are calculated by totalling the costs of items such as food, clothing,

shelter, fuel, utilities, household supplies and personal requirements, and deducting from the total any financial resources which the municipality considers available for current maintenance. Items of special need may also be included (e.g., drugs).

The Act provides for the payment of maintenance costs on behalf of people in Homes for Special Care.

Each municipality must submit its policy on social assistance once a year, on September 15. Policy statements must fall within the minimum requirements as stated in the Social Assistance Act and Regulations and provincial policies, and must have the approval of the Minister of Social Services. Each municipality establishes its own rate for food, shelter and clothing. Besides providing financial assistance on an ongoing basis, municipalities may grant emergency assistance to cover urgent and immediate needs.

The Social Assistance Act provides for the sharing of general assistance costs at a minimum of 75%, up to their approved budget, for all municipalities having municipal social services departments approved by the Minister of Social Services. Provincial cost-sharing exceeds 75% in those units where the fiscal need is greater than the 75% minimum. Administration costs are also shared on the basis of this formula. (Refer to Tables 30 and 31 and Chart 7.)

Homes for Special Care

Special-care facilities throughout Nova Scotia provide supervisory, personal and nursing care for disabled and elderly Nova Scotians who are unable to live independently. Homes for Special Care include: 38 Homes for the Aged (3,594 beds), 21 Nursing Homes (1,714 beds), 61 Residential Care Facilities (1,060 beds), 11 Adult Residential Centres (824 beds and 27 specialized beds), 30 community-based residential facilities (249 beds), and three Regional Rehabilitation Centres (380 beds), for a total of 7,848 residents. (See Tables 32-34.)

All people being admitted to Homes for Special Care requiring public funds for care are classified through the provincial Classification Committee, chaired by the Supervisor of Classifications and Assessments. (The composition and duties of this committee are further described under Classifications and Assessments.)

The admissions procedure includes an application for social assistance, a budget sheet, a social service worker's report, and a medical report to be completed by the applicant's personal physician. The completed social service workers' report and the medical report are submitted by the Municipal Social Services worker to the Department of Social Services for consideration. If the application is

Honourable Edmund L. Morris, Minister of Social Services, and first residents, Mr. Angus MacKinnon and Mrs. Flora MacAskill, cut the ribbon for the new Highland Manor in Neil's Harbour. Victoria County Warden Chalmers Hamilton (far left); R. Fisher Hudson, Q.C., MLA for Victoria County and Lawrence O'Neil, M.P. Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (back row), former Warden Alex Capstick (far right), and Administrator Mrs. Donna Rideout (left foreground) look on

approved, the person may then be placed in an appropriate facility with the assurance that maintenance costs will be shared. When the application for admission to Homes for Special Care is not approved, there are provisions for an appeal.

All facilities providing care and supervision are licensed under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and Regulations. Standards are ensured in Homes for Special Care by inspections from provincial Social Services staff. Provincial staff responsible for the inspections and program development have expertise in nursing care, dietetic services and the psychosocial needs of the residents. Special consultants from the Department of Housing and Fire Marshal's Office are available to advise the Department of Social Services on technical matters relating to the construction and operation of these homes.

The procedure of per diem rate-setting has been decentralized and is no longer the responsibility of the Rate Review Committee. Homes are now responsible to set a rate, based upon a budget submission, that is agreeable to the municipality that is the principal purchaser of services. A form has been provided for both parties' signatures, which must be forwarded to the Department of Social Services. The rate agreed upon is then a condition of licensing for

the licensing year. If, however, this procedure is not followed and no agreement is reached, the Home for Special Care may set its own rate.

The Department conducts education seminars regionally for the staff of these homes. The basic philosophy underlying these seminars is the concept of total care for residents. This implies an approach that uses the available resources within the home and the community to provide opportunities for residents to function to their fullest capacity.

The provincial government cost-shares with the municipalities at two-thirds of net costs, up to their approved budget, for people maintained in licensed Homes for Special Care (refer to Chart 8.)

A municipality, or two or more municipalities, may construct and operate homes under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act. The actual responsibility for their administration then rests with the local municipalities within the provisions of the Municipal Housing Corporation Act. Their by-laws must be approved by the Ministers of Social Services and Municipal Affairs.

All municipalities operating Homes for Special Care must appoint boards of management as stipulated in the legislation.

During fiscal 1985/86, there was considerable activity in the development of new Homes for Special Care and the renovation of existing facilities:

- Highland Manor opened—a 20-bed Home for the Aged in Neils Harbour, Victoria County.
- A 24-bed replacement facility for St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre, Arichat, Richmond County, opened.
- A 17-bed extension to the Annapolis Royal Nursing Home, Annapolis, opened.
- In Melville Ridge, Halifax County, a 100-bed Nursing Home, as part of the Melville Ridge Retirement Community, was approved.
- A 50-bed replacement facility will be constructed in Guysborough town to replace the Hazel Hill Home for the Aged in Canso, Guysborough County; and 15 new beds will become available, and be known as Seaside Manor, in Canso.
- At Wolfville Nursing Home in Wolfville, Kings County, a 22-bed extension was approved for construction in 1986.
- At Shady Rest Estates, Oxford, Cumberland County, a seven-bed extension was approved to provide improved dining facilities.
- A 50-bed Nursing Home for Annapolis County was approved.

Approvals of minor renovations are ongoing in a number of facilities.

Classifications and Assessments

Malcolm R. McFarlane, Ph.D., Supervisor

The Classifications and Assessments Section ensures that policies and procedures are developed and implemented with respect to classifications, assessments, admissions, readmissions and discharges relating to adult facilities licensed under the Homes for Special Care Act. It is also responsible for ensuring that, where appropriate, all applications for admission and readmission to these facilities are properly classified and that regular reassessments of residents are conducted in these facilities by Section staff and community health nurses.

For fiscal 1985/86, some 3,491 applications were received at Head Office requesting classifications for admission or readmission to Homes for Special Care and/or reclassifications within the homes. Forty-eight of these applications were subsequently cancelled; 150 applications were not approved, of which 25 were appealed and 10 appeals were granted. The number of applications received during the previous fiscal year had been 3,119 and for 1983-84 had been 3,345.

The two largest referral sources of the 3,370 applications approved or reapproved were hospitals and applicants' homes. Thus 1,705, or approximately 51%, originated from general hospitals. An additional 365 referrals from in-patient psychiatric facilities created a total of 2,070, or approximately 61% of all applications approved or reapproved from all hospitals.

Similarly, 940 applications, or approximately 28%, were approved or reapproved from individual homes. The combined total from all hospitals and applicants' homes was 3,010 applications, or 89% of the 3,370 referrals that were approved or reapproved. Table 32 provides a further statistical breakdown of the sources of referrals and the types of approvals.

The Section is also charged with determining the eligibility of applicants seeking admission to the Home Life Supports Program. This program is intended to meet the needs of senior citizens or disabled persons requiring full- or part-time care from needy family members so that they can remain independently in their own homes and communities. These individuals would otherwise require placement in Homes for Special Care. During fiscal 1985/86, 287 applications were received and assessed.

An integral part of the Section's mandate is to co-ordinate all information (social histories; psychological, educational and medical

assessments; etc.) related to applications for admission to the programs for mentally handicapped children. This involves preparing the necessary documentation for the Admissions Committee and implementing the committee's decisions. There were approximately 65 applications for admission to the Retarded Children's Program during the fiscal year.

The Section is responsible for the resident maintenance function of the Management Information System. This involves converting information on residents from a manual to a computer system and includes continuous updating of information on these and new residents. A new on-line system was implemented on February 17, 1986. This new system allows the Section to have the instant update and retrieval capabilities that are vital in quickly responding to urgent information demands.

In keeping with its mandate, the Section is in the process of decentralizing classifications (and licensing) to three regional areas located in Sydney, Truro and Kentville. This change is expected to facilitate the classifications of applicants from general hospitals to Homes for Special Care. The Section has already implemented changes in readmission procedures, placing the responsibility for readmission under certain stated conditions on the local hospitals, Homes for Special Care, and municipalities of settlement.

Adult Protection Services

Douglas Penney, M.S.W., Co-ordinator

This past year, the Department of Social Services was successful in implementing a new program specifically designed to help disabled and mentally infirm persons who are incapable of protecting themselves from abuse or neglect.

Bill 61, Adult Protection Legislation, was enacted at the 1985 spring session of the House of Assembly and proclaimed on January 6, 1986.

The Act, referred to as an Act to Provide for Protection of Adults from Abuse and Neglect, provides a means whereby all persons in Nova Scotia 16 years of age and over who lack the physical or mental ability to adequately care and fend for themselves can be protected from abuse and neglect.

Nova Scotia is the second province in Canada to pass this type of legislation; the first was New Brunswick, which passed its Child and Family Services and Family Relationships Act in 1980.

The Act states that everyone must report the information they have, even if it is confidential or privileged, regarding a person 16 years of age or older who is being abused or neglected and is physically or mentally incapable of protecting themselves. No action lies against a person who gives this information unless it is given in a malicious manner or without reasonable and probable cause.

Provisions were made by the Department of Social Services for the hiring of a full-time Co-ordinator of Adult Protection Services, a secretary, and two full-time adult protection workers—one to be located in Sydney and the other in Kentville. Other Department of Social Services staff in the province have also been designated to carry out certain duties under this legislation.

The Adult Protection Act provides a mechanism whereby a social and medical assessment can be carried out on individuals determined to be in need of protection. Under this Act, the Co-ordinator and designated staff have the authority to provide services that will enhance the ability of the adult to care for themselves or protect the adult from abuse and/or neglect.

The Act also provides access to the Court by way of an application for a hearing when a person is not mentally competent to decide whether or not to accept the services provided or is refusing services by reason of duress. The Court may give an order authorizing the Minister to provide the adult with services, including placement in a facility approved by the Minister.

Through this Act, a protective intervention order can also be made where it appears that the adult in need of protection may be endangered by the person living on the same premises. This protection order will prohibit or limit that person from contact or association with the adult in need of protection.

As of March 31, 1986, 74 cases have been reported in the province. Approximately 80% of these cases have been in the area of self-neglect or care-giver neglect. The other 20% relate to areas where there has been abuse and/or other related combinations. Approximately 65% are females in their later years, and referrals come from a variety of sources, such as hospitals, community health workers, relatives and neighbours.

Dietetic Consultant Services

Fran Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Ed., P.E.T., Co-ordinator

The annual assembly of the "Food Service Director, Dietitians and Supervisors from Special Care Facilities" was held June 24, 1986, in Halifax. Topics on the program included "Nutritional Care Manual," "Eating Establishment Regulations Rating Scale," "Management of Food Services Manual" and "Emergency Planning."

During 1985-86, some 31 food service workers registered and/or graduated from the Associated Homes for Special Care and the Department of Social Services' Food Service Workers Program.

The Annual Cooks Workshop for day care and special care facilities cooks was held at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre in Truro. Twenty-six cooks attended and received certificates from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology Department of Continuing Education. Thirteen cooks received Journeyman's Cook Certification at graduation exercises at the Shelburne Youth Centre in May, in a follow-up to the cooks workshop. A number of other cooks have obtained certification through the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, and others continue in its program.

The working copy of the "Management of Food Services" special care facilities manual has been distributed and reviewed in all six regions of the province.

The Meals on Wheels-Wheels to Meals Directory was updated and circulated to municipalities, special care facilities, senior councils, hospitals, regional administrators and district supervisors. The number and variety of programs continues to develop and increase. The luncheon program for seniors in the City of Halifax was expanded during the past year.

The Environmental Services Supervisors Program began in April 1986. The first certificates were presented to successful candidates following the intramural in July 1986. Nine students representing all regions of the province participated in the program. The program included supervisors of laundry, housekeeping and maintenance.

Direct services continue to be provided to the four Children's Training Centres, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, the Shelburne Youth Centre and the Nova Scotia Residential Centre in developing the management of food services and menu planning.

The "Food Service Cost Survey" was conducted twice in 1986. The facilities were grouped according to type and a summary was forwarded to each of the participating Homes for Special Care.

A resource kit provided by the Nutrition Committee of the Nova Scotia Dietetic Association was provided to all facilities without the services of a professional dietitian, to assist in instituting March as Nutrition Month in Nova Scotia.

The second draft of the "Nutritional Care Manual for Long Term Care" is ready for typing. This has been prepared in co-operation with the other Atlantic Provinces' dietetic consultants and committees. The Nova Scotia Committee consisted of dietitians, supervisors and cooks from all regions of the province and all types of facilities.

Meetings continue twice yearly with dietetic consultants from Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

Table 25

Sources and Types of Rehabilitation Cases Referred

1985-1986

Amputations	17
Spinal Cord Injuries	57
Arthritis, Rheumatism	44
Bone Impairment	71
Cerebral Palsy	25
Auditory	40
Visual	28
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	23
Neurological, Epilepsy, Polio	49
Respiratory	18
Cardiovascular	22
Mental Deficiency	115
Mental Illness or Disorder	100
Miscellaneous	67
Total New Cases Referred	676
Total Cases Carried Over	985
Total Cases	1,661

Services Provided	**Number**	**Cost**
Assessment: Medical & vocational	670	$20,322
Technical aids	25	$20,268
Special training costs	39	$4,107
Family Benefits/Rehabilitation Fund	75	$42,140
Department of Education training costs (Department of Education VRDP expenditures)	175	$957,252
Clients approved for training:		
Recommended	404	
Approved	328	
Entered	299	
Discontinued	63	
Completed	119	
Information from 754 cases closed:		
Number of cases closed — rehabilitated	414	
Number of cases closed — not rehabilitated	340	
Average age	27	
Average education (Grade)	8	
Number receiving Family Benefits or Municipal Assistance	320	
Field office and collateral counselling interviews	10,435	

Table 26

Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Single Parents

March 31, 1986

Region	Caseload
Central Region	142
Cape Breton Region	227
North Shore Region	112
Halifax Region	256
Western Region	98
Total	835

Table 27

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

1. Children in school, April 1, 1985	Girls	Boys	Total
	50	102	152

2. Admissions during year	Girls	Boys	Total
(a) As wards of C.A.S.	1	0	1
(b) As wards of director	0	1	1
(c) As non-wards	8	23	31
			33

3. Discharges during year	Girls	Boys	Total
(a) To own home	5	18	23
(b) Group Home	1	0	1
(c) Foster home	4	4	8
(d) Institution	0	2	2
(e) Supervised apartment	1	0	1
(f) Boarding home	0	1	1
			36

4. Children in school, March 31, 1986	Girls	Boys	Total
	48	101	149

5. Total days of care to all children	44,627

6. Classification of admission (4) by ages

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Girls	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	2	—	—	9
Boys	2	3	1	—	4	9	3	1	1	—	24
Total	2	3	2	—	5	14	3	3	1	0	33

7. Classification of discharges (3) by ages

Age	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Girls	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	—	11
Boys	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	10	12	—	25
Total	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	15	18	—	36

8. Classification of admissions (2) by I.Q.

I.Q.	25-29	30-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	Total
Girls	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	2	9
Boys	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	5	2	24
Total	1	4	4	1	3	3	3	5	5	4	33

9. Classification of children in school (4) by I.Q.

I.Q.	25-29	30-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	Total
Girls	3	6	4	9	3	6	4	6	3	4	48
Boys	8	9	11	10	7	17	8	13	14	4	101
Total	11	15	15	19	10	23	12	19	17	8	149

(Cont'd)

10. Classification of children (4) by ages

Age	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Girls	—	—	—	1	6	12	10	5	7	3	—	44
Boys	—	3	9	8	13	17	16	18	13	6	2	105
Total	—	3	9	9	19	29	26	23	20	9	2	149

11. Total cost of operation (excluding capital expenditures and maintenance of buildings. Including adjustments for rents, meals and inventory adjustments) $3,672,259

12. Number of child care days, 1985-86 44,627

13. Per diem rate $82.28

Table 28

Statistics for Children's Training Centres

April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986

	Dartmouth	Digby	Pictou	Sydney	Total
Admissions	3	3	2	3	11
Respite care	8	12	12	12	44
Discharges					
To own home	1	0	0	6	7
Foster home	1	0	0	0	1
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	0	0	1	0	1
Palmeter's Nursing Care Unit	1	0	0	0	1
N.S. Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred	2	0	0	0	2
Adult facility	3	5	3	2	13
Other	0	1	0	0	1
Group Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Regional Rehabilitation Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Total Discharges					26

Table 29

Statistics for Regional Rehabilitation Centres

April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986

Total in residence as of April 1, 1985	361
Total admissions, April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986	157
Discharges, April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986, to:	
Other Regional Rehabilitation Centres	7
Adult Residential Centres	17
Group Homes & Developmental Residences	15
Homes for the Aged & Nursing Homes	5
Residential Care Facilities	6
In care of their family	31
Independent living	10
Hospitals	55
Died	10
Correctional centre	1
Drug & alcohol rehabilitation	1
Total discharges	158
Total in residence as of March 31, 1986	359
Total resident days	130,122

Table 30

Municipal Assistance Payments Under the Social Assistance Act

Year	General Assistance	Privately Operated Homes for Special Care	Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged	Municipally and Privately Operated Adult Residential Centres
1978	$13,130,867.28	$9,977,770.73	$11,286,056.02	$5,245,969.38
1979	14,956,068.43	10,218,080.96	14,077,024.43	5,918,575.22
1980	17,272,991.41	11,479,548.94	16,276,877.34	6,710,022.94
1981	19,614,346.56	13,587,760.78	18,660,820.79	7,485,568.87
1982	23,337,681.71	16,130,856.53	22,409,294.37	8,937,622.55
1983	25,605,816.40	17,290,294.31	25,201,771.85	9,492,993.24
1984	30,597,241.00	18,958,534.46	27,401,958.20	10,330,072.31
1985-86	35,901,905.00	20,398,549.29	28,896,729.27	11.035,494.32

Table 31

Municipal Social Services Costs*

Item	Gross Municipal Expenditure	Federal Share Provincial Share	Net Municipal Expenditure
Administration	$8,525,461.00	$6,389,883.00	$2,135,578.00
Assistance Payments by Municipal Units to People for Basic and Special Requirements	35,901,905.00	26,607,450.00	9,294,455.00
Maintenance of People in Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged	28,896,729.27	18,879,963.00	10,016,766.27
Nursing Homes	14,638,114.73	9,547,179.00	5,090,935.73
Maintenance of People in Privately Operated Residential Care Facilities	2,510,181.05	1,654,710.00	855,471.05
Maintenance of People in Municipally and Privately Operated Adult Residential Centres	11,035,494.32	7,185,022.00	3,850,472.32
Maintenance of People in Privately Operated Group and Developmental Homes	3,250,253.51	2,153,186.00	1,097,067.51

*All figures are for the period April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986 except for Administration, which covers the period January 1, 1985-December 31, 1985.

Table 32

Persons Approved To and From Homes for Special Care

April 1, 1985-March 31, 1986

Approved From	
Own home	940
General hospitals	1,705
Nova Scotia Hospital	257
Other psychiatric facilities	108
Homes for the Aged	145
Licensed Nursing Homes	61
Residential care facilities	42
Regional Rehabilitation Centres	26
Adult Residential Centres	25
Developmental residences	0
Group Homes	5
Foster homes	0
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	6
Children's Training Centres	25
Other	25
Total	3,370

Table 33

Distribution of Approvals for Placement in Homes for Special Care

1985-86

Licensed Nursing Homes		153
Homes for the Aged:	Type I	1,005
	Type II	1,360
	Psychogeriatric Care	127
Residential care facilities		253
Regional Rehabilitation Centres		173
Adult Residential Centres		171
Group Homes		96
Developmental residences		31
Foster homes		2
Total		3,370

Table 34

Homes for Special Care
Bed Statistics

County	Residential Care Facilities	
	Number	Beds
Annapolis	5	45
Antigonish	1	40
Cape Breton	11	141
Colchester	6	152
Cumberland	6	140
Digby	2	33
Guysborough	0	0
Halifax	11	204
Hants	3	28
Inverness	3	25
Kings	6	131
Lunenburg	2	26
Pictou	2	39
Queens	1	32
Richmond	1	12
Shelburne	1	12
Victoria	0	0
Yarmouth	0	0
Total	61	1,060

Nursing Homes		Homes for the Aged		Total	
Number	Beds	Number	Beds	Number	Beds
2	57	1	106	8	208
—	0	1	106	2	146
3	361	4	349	18	851
2	166	1	51	9	369
2	131	1	65	9	336
0	0	2	152	4	185
1	30	1	41	2	71
5	648	6	1,102	22	1,954
0	0	3	255	6	283
0	0	2	120	5	145
2	139	1	100	9	370
1	35	4	288	7	349
0	0	4	443	6	482
1	42	1	60	3	134
0	0	2	99	3	111
1	26	1	65	3	103
0	0	2	89	2	89
1	79	1	103	2	182
21	1,714	38	3,594	120	6,368

Chart 7

Municipal Assistance to Persons in Need

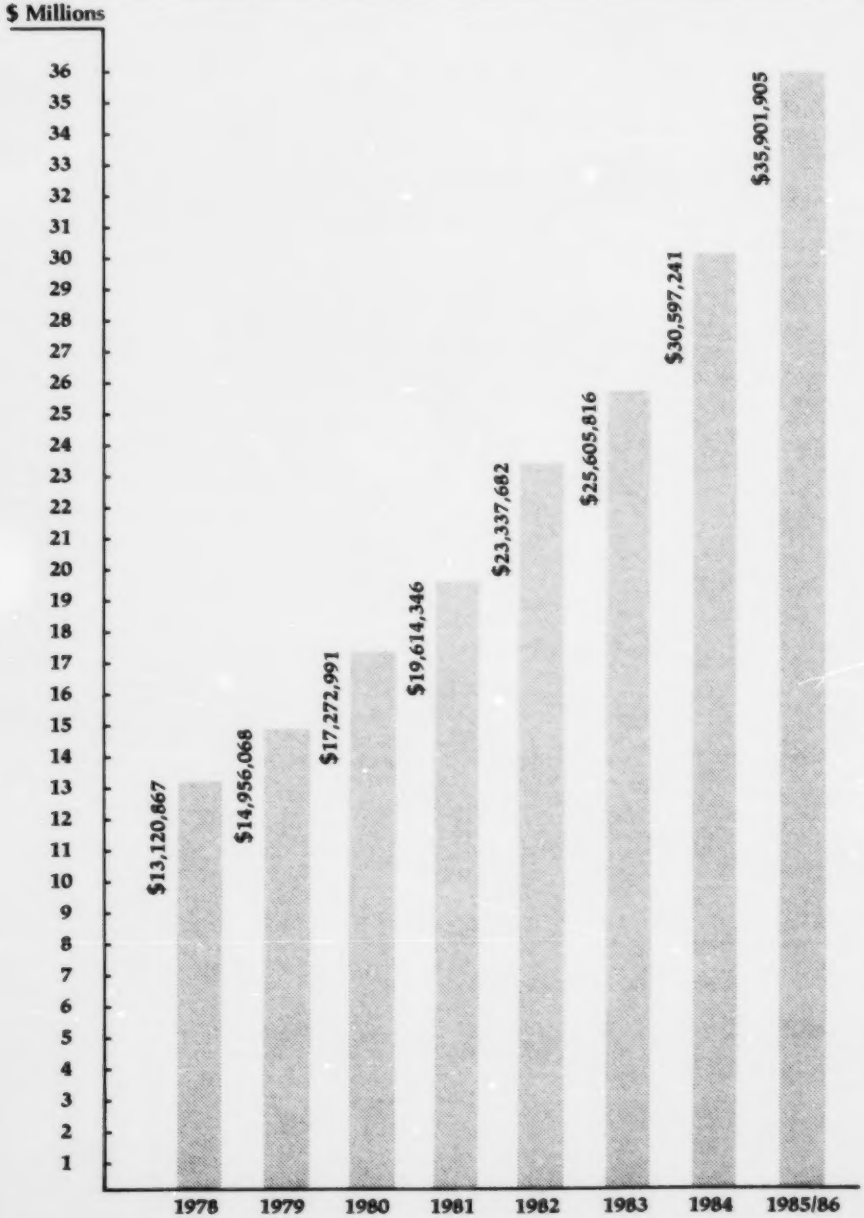
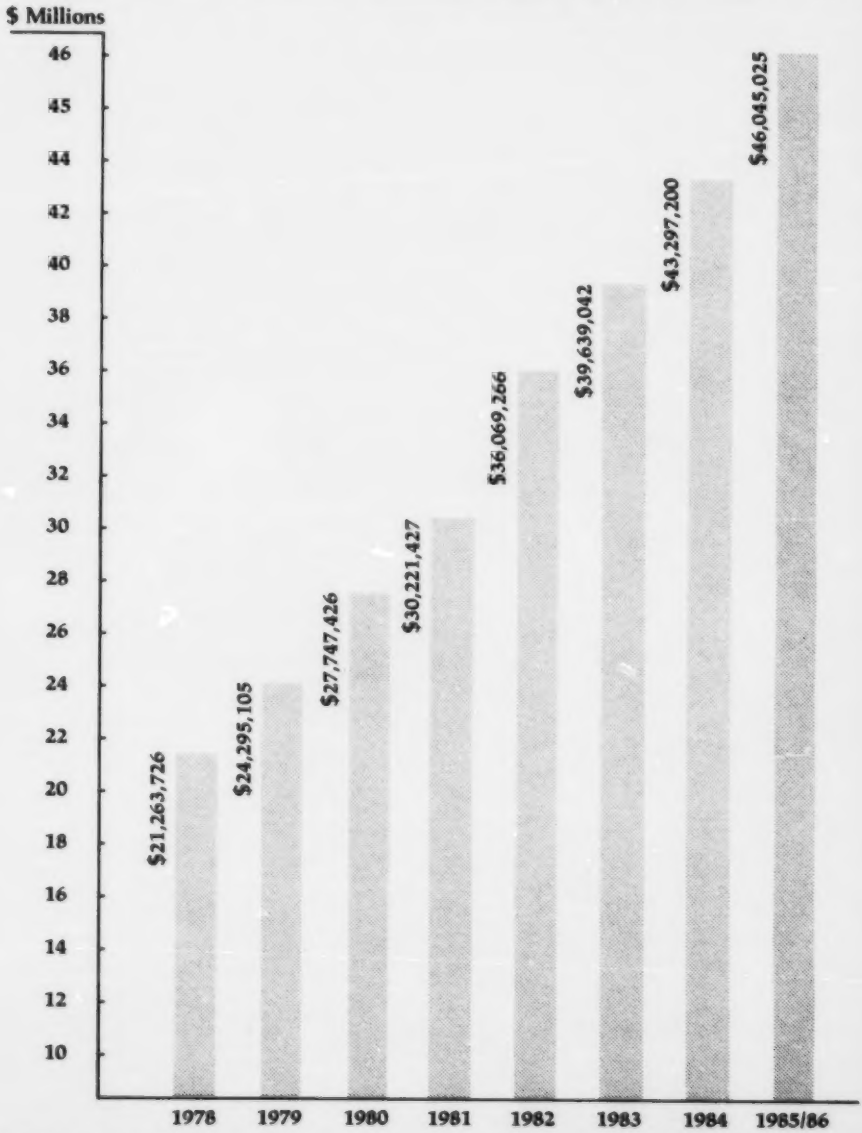


Chart 8

Homes For Special Care

(Nursing, Residential Care Facilities and Homes for the Aged)



NOTE: Adult Residential Centres, Group Homes and developmental residences are not included in these figures. In 1983/84, cost-sharing with municipalities began on a fiscal year basis, April 1 to March 31.

Social Services

Policy, Planning and Research Division

Bessie Harris, M.S.W., Director

The Policy, Planning and Research Division provides a number of support services to the other five divisions of the Department and performs direct service and/or co-ordinating functions in several specific areas such as Indian Affairs. It is divided into six sections:

- Policy, Planning and Research
- Social Services Training Programs
- Library
- Information Services
- Management Information Systems, and
- Indian Affairs.

Policy, Planning and Research Section

Elizabeth McNaughton, M.S.W., M.A.
Senior Research and Planning Officer

Responsibilities of this section relate to five major areas:

Staff of Policy, Planning and Research

- federal-provincial matters, including cost-sharing
- program design and implementation
- policy analysis
- program evaluation, and
- research.

In 1985-86, federal-provincial matters involved staff in continued negotiations on the Young Offenders Act, the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement, the Canada Pension Plan, the Disability Protection Program and the Canada Assistance Plan. In addition, staff participated in numerous federal-provincial meetings and chaired or were involved as members of committees and studies, such as that on a comprehensive disability protection program.

Staff were involved with other provincial departments in preparation of submissions to two federally appointed commissions: the Forget Commission on Unemployment Insurance, and the Special Committee on Child Care.

Emphasis during the year was placed on program evaluation. In this regard staff undertook the:

- evaluation of a child-abuse media campaign
- evaluation of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Single Parents

- evaluation of a media campaign on wife battering
- evaluation of the Home Life Supports Program
- development of a design for the evaluation of the Young Offenders Community Development Projects
- evaluation of the implementation of Adult Protection Services, and
- evaluation of the Winter Employment Program.

No major research was undertaken this year; however, a contract for a project funded by National Welfare Grants was signed with Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) for development of a design for a follow-up to "Vulnerable Mothers, Vulnerable Children," a study published in 1981. With the assistance of an Advisory Committee of professionals and the MSVU Institute for the Study of Women, a design was developed and a submission made to Health and Welfare Canada for funding. It is expected that a decision on the funding will be received in the next fiscal year.

Staff took part in interdepartmental endeavors such as the Offshore Issue Group and Social Monitoring Subcommittee, the Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women, Committee of Officials Examining Home Care and the Committee on Pension Reform. Responsibilities in relation to committees such as these often overlap or change from year to year but, generally, staff members serve on many policy and planning related committees throughout the year.

Social Services Training Programs

Robert Haley, M.S.W., M.Ed., Chief Instructor

The Department of Social Services offers three training programs which provide pre-preparatory or post-employment upgrading for persons working in Homes for Special Care throughout Nova Scotia.

In place since September 1977, the Community Services Workers' Course is a ten-month program operated from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology. Through the core courses of Behaviour Management/Modification, Communications, Developmental Psychology, and Program Design and Planning, students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively with physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped persons. Since it began in 1977, this course has graduated 202 students, including 27 in June 1985.

The Personal Care Workers' Course provides students with the knowledge and skills required to care for residents in Homes for Special Care, but more specifically in Homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes. It is sponsored by the Associated Homes for Special Care and was offered on a decentralized basis in Homes in 1985-86; 137 individuals successfully completed the provincial examination and received their certificates.

During the year, a third course, the Developmental Care Workers' Course, got underway. It is designed to meet the needs of staff of Adult Residential Centres and Regional Rehabilitation Centres.

Beyond the continued operation of the training programs, at the behest of the Deputy Minister a review of the Community Services Workers' Course was started. It is anticipated that the review will be completed during 1986 and will suggest changes in the current course's policies and structure.

Library

Jane Phillips, B.A., M.L.S., Librarian

The Department of Social Services Library is used by Department staff, social agencies, other government departments and libraries, students and university staff, and members of the general public. Again this year, over 600 books were circulated to these various groups. Three hundred individual issues of periodicals and newsletters were circulated to Department staff. The Library maintained a collection of almost 100 paid and free subscriptions, and over 100 government annual reports and public accounts. Over 2,000 press clippings were circulated to Department staff during the year. (See Table 35.)

With staff hired through the Provincial Summer Employment Program, over 300 books in the Social Services Training Programs Library were catalogued and processed, and 60 new titles were added to this collection.

Members of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services have made extensive use of Library resources in preparation for their report.

The Library continues to participate in the membership activities and information exchange of the Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council. Thank you to the Nova Scotia Provincial Library for the invaluable interlibrary loan and reference services extended to this library.

Information Services

A number of activities were undertaken in this area during 1985-86, briefly highlighted here:

- Development and operation of a media campaign on Wife Abuse using the theme, "Let's Break the Silence." This campaign was supported by Health and Welfare Canada and developed with guidance from the Minister's Committee on Family Violence in co-operation with the Department of Government Services.
- A re-examination of current display materials for departmental programs and renewal of many of them.
- Development of a display for "Share: The People's Fair" and participation in that event.
- Review of all the Department's program-related booklets and pamphlets and development of a plan to update and replace those that are outdated.
- Preparation of displays for Foster Parent Week and Senior Citizens' Week.
- Preparation of the Department's annual report.

Most of the work in this area is undertaken with the assistance of the Publishing Section of the Department of Government Services. As in past years, their help enabled the Department to complete its many media- and public information-related tasks.

Management Information Systems

Tom Conrad, B.Sc., Co-ordinator

In 1975, the Department of Social Services, with support from Health and Welfare Canada, initiated the development of an integrated, computer-based Management Information System (MIS). The MIS is a common system shared by all users and the main information tool and source for the Department.

A result of the past 10 years' work has been the automation of the following financially based public-assistance programs:

- Family Benefits and Pharmacare
- municipal social assistance
- senior citizens' programs, and
- residential facilities.

In addition, a customized expenditure-accounting reporting system was developed for the Financial Services Division.

What remains to complete the MIS is the automation of the services provided by:

- Family and Children's Services
- the Family Court
- Rehabilitation and Community Services
- Audit Services
- Staff Training, and
- Personnel.

During 1985, further development of the MIS has focused on:

- decentralization of decision-making for Family Benefits and the completion of the Client Index Enhancement Project for the residential facilities, and
- initiation of systems for the Family Court, and Family and Children's Services.

Communications Network

Working from the successes of the Halifax and the Cape Breton regional offices, in summer 1985, terminal equipment was installed in the Sackville District Office and now provides on-line access to the MIS.

Productivity increases and improved service delivery to clients have resulted from decentralization to the Halifax and Cape Breton regional offices, and these qualitative benefits will recur at other offices such as the Sackville District Office.

With the expansion of the communications network, a number of office administrative functions may be automated to more fully utilize and derive benefits from the investment in communications hardware and software. During 1985, an analysis of the various electronic mail, word-processing and resource-scheduling tools was conducted. In 1986, a number of new pieces of computer equipment capable of using these tools will be strategically placed throughout the Department.

Client Index Enhancements

During 1985, the residential facilities phase of the Client Index Enhancements Project was installed. This phase provides on-line

enquiry and maintenance into the resident and facility data, and an automated interface to the new Client Index. With this implementation, the Department can now begin to adapt the Residential Facilities Claiming Subsystem, developed in 1981 to the system test phase, for the new on-line environment.

Systems Support

During 1985, the Client Index On-line Update Project was initiated with a mandate to modify the Client Index software to perform all updates to the Client Index in the on-line environment rather than through overnight batch processing.

During 1985, the development team worked on a new Family Benefits turnaround document that would replace the current investigation and review forms as well as the Client Profile. This modification was installed in early 1986.

Family and Children's Services

During 1985, a prototype of the Family and Children's Services Division's Children in Care and Custody Program was initiated to determine ways in which the Client Index can be used to store and track information about children in care and custody for that program. This prototype is being extended to include all programs in Family and Children's Services and will be the basis from which detailed tracking requirements can be defined. The benefits of prior contact checking, worker and caseload statistics, and tracking the movement of a child from one departmental program and service to another will be gained through the implementation of Family and Children's Services on the Client Index. Also, within this project, a system to support the case-management and statistical-reporting needs of this program will be addressed. By using a prototype rather than traditional analysis techniques to identify system requirements, much time will be saved. It is the intention of the Department to utilize these prototyping techniques to realize cost savings.

Young Offenders Act Tracking and Record-keeping Study

With the proclamation of the Young Offenders Act, new record keeping and destruction procedures are required for young-offender case administration nationally. During 1985, in a joint effort between the Department of Social Services and the Department of the Attorney General, a feasibility study was conducted to determine

detail-tracking and record-maintenance requirements, and to recommend a conceptual solution for an information system to support the provisions of the Act. Using the recommendations provided by this study, analysis was completed. This project will now move into the design phase of development.

Family Court Enforcement System

A study was conducted during 1985 to determine detailed requirements for the Family Court enforcement process. An automated system to identify default payments of orders under the Family Maintenance Act is expected to save the Department up to $400,000 annually in assistance payments. This study provided detailed requirements, a cost-benefit analysis, a conceptual solution and a work plan for the proposed system.

A prototype using an IBM personal computer was developed and shown to a number of the courts in fall 1985. A decision on how to proceed is expected during early 1986.

Letter Writing Subsystem

In early 1986, the first phase of a letter writing system was installed. This system will on demand merge information from the Client Index computer files onto a number of standard form letters and initiate the printing of the letter on the Department's word-processing equipment.

The second phase of this system is underway and will allow more letter forms, and the editing of form letters prior to printing if desired. Although the Family Benefits Head Office is the only user of this package at this time, the other Family Benefits offices are expected to adopt this system shortly. In the future, this system will be available to all programs that use the Client Index.

User Reports

One of the limiting factors of traditional MIS development has been the time it takes to develop and install major components. During 1985, the department began using new development aids, known as fourth-generation tools, that may increase productivity from 5-10 times the traditional norm. Future development time will be shortened through the application of these tools, and the systems

developed made more relevant through intense user involvement and support.

One of these tools, the Report Writing System (RWS), was installed in 1985. This system allows the end user to describe a particular report of information taken from their computer files in a simple, straightforward manner, and also handles the printing and routing of the finished report. Depending on the nature of the information requested, reports can be ready for interpretation and review minutes after being requested.

During 1985, Family Benefits was the main user of this service. Other users included the Policy, Planning and Research Division; the Field Services and Personnel Division; and the Adoption Services and child-abuse components of the Family and Children's Services Division. During 1986 this package will be enhanced and made available to other areas of the Department.

Office Automation

Advances in computer technology, specifically in the area of text processing and distribution, are placing increased pressure on this department to upgrade traditional office procedures in a planned, orderly fashion. In order to cope with this demand, the Deputy Minister in March 1985 formed the Office Automation Sub-committee, which reports to the Senior Planning Committee, MIS. The initial mandate of this committee was:

- to develop, in conjunction with MIS and the communications network, a strategy for the implementation of office automation in this department, and
- to review requests for and make recommendations on the acquisition of all equipment and services related to automation of the office environment.

During 1985 this group met weekly and initially studied the current availability of office systems technology. During early fall 1985, it conducted a number of studies designed to gain an understanding of the magnitude of requirements within the Department. The overall plan is to relate local needs with the overall, long-term departmental objective of an automated office.

To this end, it identified a need for an automated letter-generator system and defined a plan for the placement of word processors and other related equipment in the Johnston Building in Halifax. The benefits of this plan will be felt in 1986.

Growth in Use of the On-line System

During the 1985/86 fiscal year, the Department came of age in the use of on-line computer services. Chart 9 details the significant growth in the number of on-line transactions executed on our computer equipment to access the MIS during this period.

Indian Affairs

Allan Clark, B.P.E., Co-ordinator

In Nova Scotia, there are three major Indian organizations: the Union of Nova Scotia Indians, representing approximately 6,300 status Indians; the Native Council of Nova Scotia, with a population base of approximately 4,000 non-status Indians, of whom 800 are Metis; and the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association, with a membership of approximately 4,000 status and non-status Indians. Highlights of this past year are:

- The Third Constitutional Conference on Aboriginal Constitutional Rights was held in Ottawa on April 2-3, 1985. A delegation headed by Premier John Buchanan attended this conference.
- A number of federal/provincial/territorial meetings were held throughout the year to review and clarify the agenda items for the Constitutional Conference on Aboriginal Constitutional Rights in Ottawa.
- The Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Affairs met with the chiefs of the 13 Bands on aboriginal matters. The committee also met with representatives of the Native Council of Nova Scotia on constitutional issues and on aboriginal matters.
- Since the signing of the Canada-Nova Scotia-Indian Child Welfare Agreement on July 5, 1985, several meetings have been held with representatives of the three parties to work out further details to give the Indian population more control over their own affairs in this area.

Table 35

Library Statistics

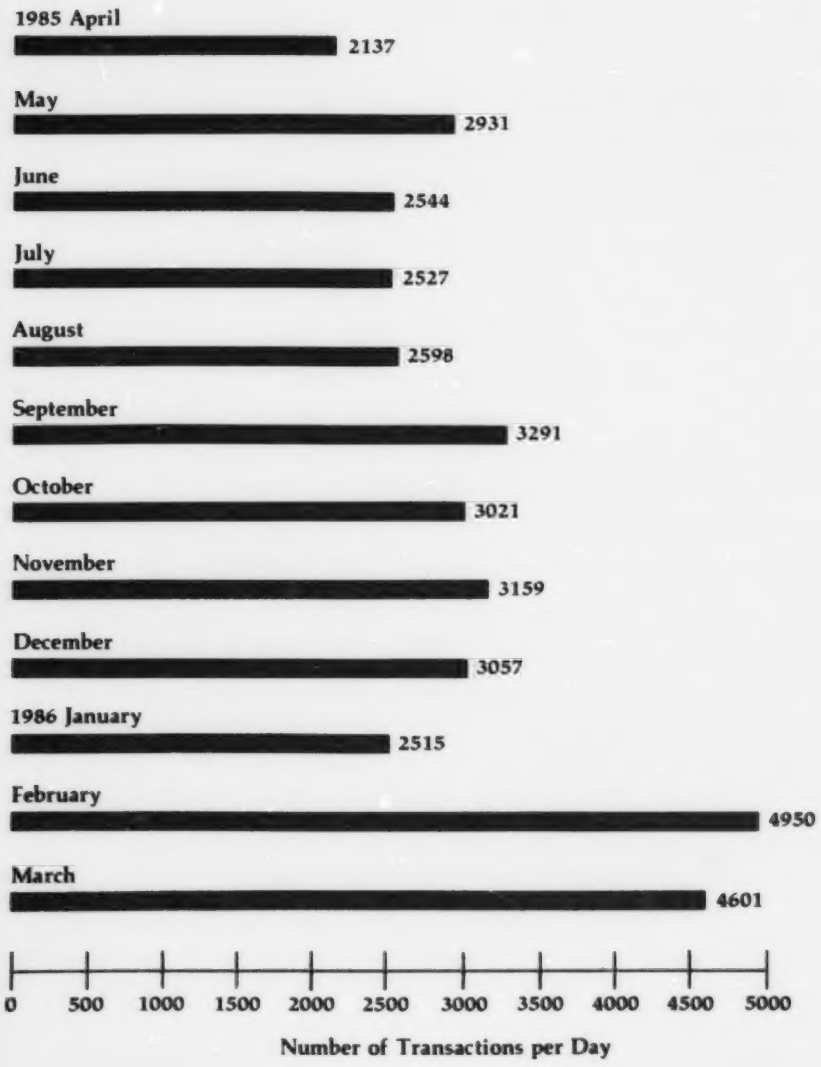
1985-86

Books Ordered	
Library (for Department)	21
Policy, Planning and Research	26
Rehabilitation and Community Services	11
Family and Children's Services	28
Total	86
Periodicals	
Paid subscriptions	53
Free subscriptions	44
Total subscriptions maintained	97
Individual issues circulated	298
Press Clippings Circulated	2,017
Social Services Training Programs Library	
(Summer 1985)	
Books ordered	62
Books catalogued and processed	318

Chart 9

Average Number of On-line Transactions per Day

Fiscal Year 1985/86



Social Services

Field Services and Personnel Division

J.A. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

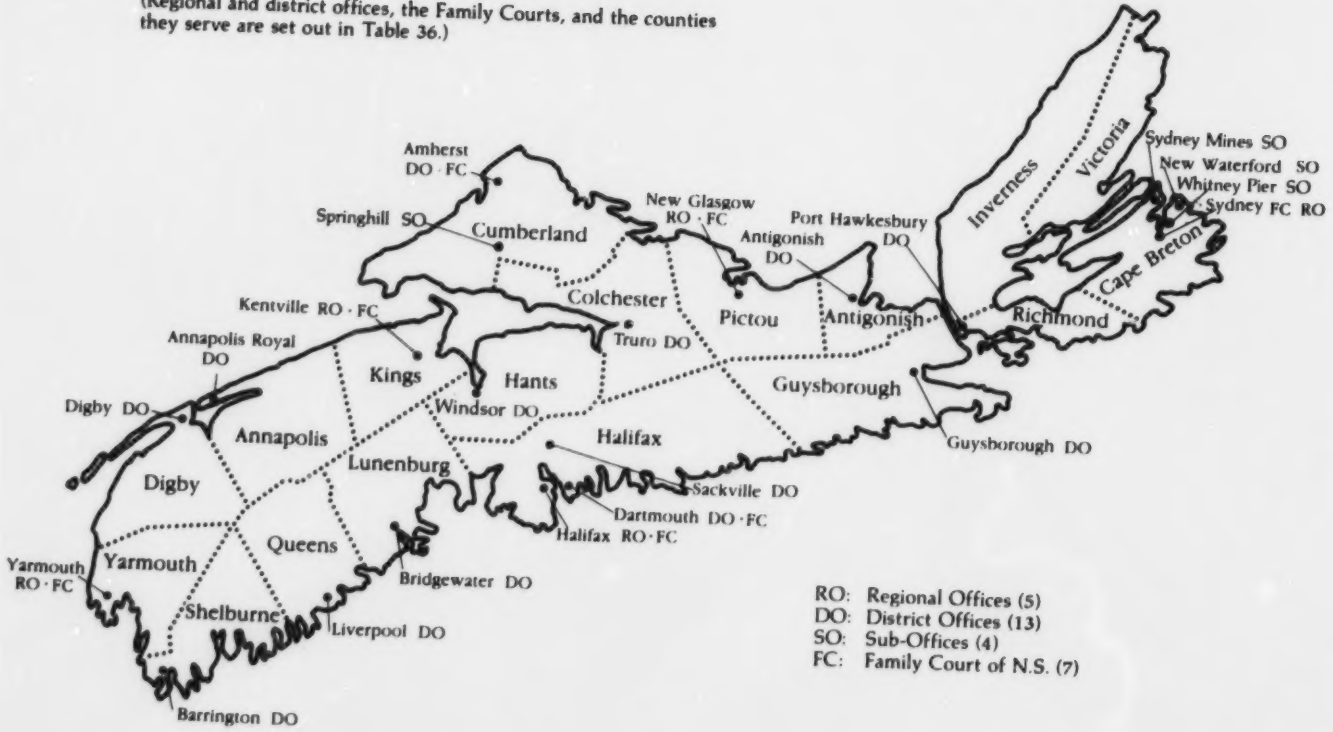
The Field Services and Personnel Division is primarily responsible for the overall management of all regional and district offices, Family Courts and psychological services throughout the province. The Division is also responsible for personnel services for the entire staff of the Department.

The following services are provided to clients of the Department at the field office level:

- financial assistance—Family Benefits and Municipal Social Services in certain areas
- Rehabilitation Services
- Family and Children's Services in certain areas
- Young Offenders Services
- adult services in the Family Courts
- community service projects in certain areas, and
- Psychological Services.

All matters related to space allocations, and renovations and alterations to existing facilities, including the acquisition of additional and/or expanded space through consultation with the Department of Government Services are the responsibility of the Field Services and Personnel Division.

(Regional and district offices, the Family Courts, and the counties they serve are set out in Table 36.)



Staff, Field Services and Personnel Division

Personnel Services Section

On March 31, 1986, the Department of Social Services had a total staff of 869, including 301 members in field offices (see Tables 36 and 37).

The Personnel Services Section is comprised of a personnel manager, a supervisor of personnel services, a personnel clerk and a secretary. This section, under the Director of the Field Services and Personnel Division, is responsible for a comprehensive program of personnel services for the entire Department in relation to:

- the recruitment, selection and placement of all staff
- the co-ordination of personnel services and procedures for the entire Department, which includes a centralized personnel system (computerized during the previous fiscal year) providing salary administration, personnel record control, performance appraisal and related services, and
- consultation to the Minister, Deputy Minister, and divisional heads on all matters related to personnel.

During fiscal 1985/86, 78 appointments and/or transfers were recommended to the Civil Service Commission and 71 separations were processed by the Section. Even during a year of restraint, the recruitment and staff selection activity in this department continued to be dramatic.

The Department is actively involved in the Affirmative Action Program, which ensures that all candidates are given an equal opportunity to compete for positions for which they are qualified. Continued monitoring of the program during the past year has shown that 37 permanent or casual affirmative action candidates were hired by the Department.

The Personnel Services Section is responsible for all personnel transactions and for the co-ordination of such transactions between the Department, the Civil Service Commission, Management Board and the Department of Finance, in accordance with existing legislation, negotiating agreements and Civil Service Commission policies and procedures.

Psychological Services

Psychological Services has provided testing services to 594 clients associated with the Department of Social Services and various private agencies over the past year. Recommendations for additional counselling and other resources were also made, to ensure clients receive appropriate follow-up services.

The assessment component of this service provides evaluation of both children and adult populations. Although the type of assessment may vary according to request, the assessments most utilized include evaluations of intelligence, social development, language skills, academic skills, vocational aptitude, perceptual skills and interest evaluations. All assessments are provided by psychological technicians under the supervision of a registered psychologist.

Approximately 60% of evaluations were completed on adult clients associated with the rehabilitation programs for single parents and the disabled. Utilizing a comprehensive battery of tests, direction is provided to clients and workers regarding placements, potential for vocational or university training, and aptitudes. Information is also provided on assessed interest areas. By comprehensive analysis of the test results, the client's social history and other factors that might effect training, recommendations of appropriate training programs, work placements, etc. are made.

Evaluation of children is another major service provided. Evaluations are provided to both preschool- and school-aged children. Assessments on preschool children are usually conducted to provide information regarding school readiness, social/intellectual development, and level of functioning prior to adoption. Utilizing this service, workers are assisted in providing parents, foster parents, day-care staff and others with an indication of areas that should receive extra stimulation. Indication is also provided regarding the need for additional community resources, such as a speech therapist or day-care placement. School-aged children are assessed for similar reasons and to provide information regarding appropriate school placements and other community resources that might aid in development.

Psychological Services continues to provide evaluations for placement in programs, as requested by both the Services to the Mentally Handicapped and the Nova Scotia Residential Centre Admissions Committee. In addition, regular updates are provided at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, Children's Training Centres and, upon request, at the Nova Scotia Residential Centre and the Shelburne Youth Centre. Evaluations also are provided on both children and adults as directed by the Family Court Judges.

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Cape Breton Regional Office, Sydney

Mr. Cyril Reddy, Regional Administrator

The Cape Breton Regional Office is located at 360 Prince Street, Sydney, in the Provincial Building. The area serviced by the Cape Breton Regional Office encompasses mainly the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria, which have a combined population of 140,000. Sub-offices are maintained in Whitney Pier, New Waterford and Sydney Mines to provide an effective delivery of the Community Services Program.

The Rehabilitation staff, Community Services staff, co-ordinator of Homes for Special Care and co-ordinator of Services for the Mentally Handicapped provide service in all four of the counties located on Cape Breton Island.

Family Benefits Program

The decentralized Family Benefits Program continues to function at a most productive and efficient level. Some 1,717 applications were given out in the past fiscal year for all categories within the Family Benefits Program.

The caseload served by our 13 field workers as of March 31, 1986, was 5,915. The decentralized approach to the delivery of this program has continued to ensure a high quality of service to recipients.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program, under the direction of the assistant regional administrator, provides consultation to all Municipal Social Services units on Cape Breton Island through the co-ordinator of Financial Programs. A regional policy approved by all municipal units on Cape Breton Island ensures the delivery of a quality Municipal Social Services Program.

The great majority of Municipal Social Services employees are employed by their municipal units but maintain a close liaison with our regional office.

Contractual agreements exist between the Department of Social Services and the municipalities of North Sydney and Sydney Mines and the Town of Dominion to provide Municipal Social Services programs in those areas. The staff are employees of the Department

of Social Services, but the responsibility for policy rests with the respective municipal units.

Rehabilitation Services Section

The Rehabilitation Services Section provides vocational counselling to mentally, physically and vocationally handicapped adults residing on Cape Breton Island. Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents is now a significant part of our rehabilitation program and has grown rapidly. As of March 1986, our single-parents worker was carrying a caseload of 227. The purpose of this program is to assist single parents in receipt of Family Benefits to overcome the barriers that prevent them from becoming employed.

Community Services Program

The Community Services Program, under the direction of a casework supervisor, with two field workers and a secretary working out of sub-offices in New Waterford, Sydney Mines and Whitney Pier, assists individuals and groups to upgrade their housing standards. This program is also responsible for the effective delivery of Day Care Services by determining eligibility for subsidized day care in industrial Cape Breton. The field staff are also responsible for recommending the relicensing of all private day-care centres. Over 300 children in our jurisdiction are in receipt of subsidized day care.

Homes for Special Care

The regional co-ordinator of Homes for Special Care monitors the standard of care received by the 1,406 residents in the 37 Homes for Special Care located on Cape Breton Island. These homes consist of:

- four Nursing Homes
- nine Homes for the Aged
- 14 residential care facilities
- six Group Homes
- three Adult Residential Care facilities, and
- one rehabilitation facility.

This employee prepares all recommendations in relation to the licensing of these facilities and, with the administrative staff of the Homes for Special Care, works towards upgrading and maintaining the standards of resident care.

Services to the Mentally Handicapped

The regional co-ordinator of Services to the Mentally Handicapped acts as liaison between agencies which provide services to the mentally handicapped—such as departmental staff, CAMR (workshops), and Resi-care (residential)—and individuals, groups and other community services.

Family Court, Sydney

Rita MacNeil, B.A., R.S.W., Supervisor of the Family Court
Stan Reppa, B.S.W., Senior Family Court Officer

The Family Court is located in the Provincial Building on Prince Street in Sydney and provides service to the geographical area of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, the Municipality of the County of Victoria, and part of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

The Family Court combines two disciplines: judicial and social. The judicial side of the Family Court operation concerns itself with the Family Maintenance Act, the Young Offenders Act, particular sections of the Divorce Act, and sections of the Criminal Code of Canada. The social side involves marital counselling on a short-term basis to reconcile and conciliate problems within the family structure.

The Enforcement section, with a caseload of 1,764, is responsible for the collection of maintenance payments determined by a Family Court Judge. Monies processed through the Family Court of Cape Breton for fiscal 1985/86 came to approximately $2,332,000.

Judge Darryl W. Wilson was appointed to the Family Court on November 7, 1985.

Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton

Cyril Reddy, Executive Director
Hildegarde O'Neill, Director, Placement Services
Charles Coleman, Director, Protection Division

The following services are provided through the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton:

- protection services
- the Ward Program
- adoption
- foster home finding and training
- the Single Parent Program
- Group Homes, and
- a residental centre.

Protection Services

The agency's child protection program has a complement of eight workers, including a full-time intake worker. The field staff are assigned to specific geographic areas of Cape Breton and Victoria counties. In 1985-86, the protection staff were involved in 694 referrals, with an overall monthly caseload of 250 and an average of 58 new referrals per month. The assigned intake approach to child protection services has been effective in identifying and preventing all phases of child abuse. In the past year the agency has increased its emphasis on preventive services.

Ward Program

The Ward Program of the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton has 173 children under care and custody. Over 75% are in their teens and experiencing emotional and placement problems associated with the teenage years. The five workers involved in this program work with these youngsters on a daily basis.

Adoption Program

Social workers hold group meetings with prospective couples, covering such topics as procedure, policy, legalities, availability and nutrition. Couples now complete their own history and are seen in

individual and joint interviews. The emphasis continues to be on placing older and difficult-to-place children. Fourteen children were placed for adoption through the agency program in the past year.

Foster Home Finding and Training Program

The Foster Home Finding and Training Program continues to receive four to five inquiries each month from people interested in becoming foster parents. All applicants are seen on an individual and family basis prior to approval. This is supplemented by periodic training seminars dealing with such topics as maintenance, the Children's Services Act, separation trauma, natural parents, adolescence, and drug abuse. The agency maintains a close liaison with the Cape Breton Foster Parents Association, which celebrated its 11th Anniversary this year.

Single Parent Program

The Single Parent Program has continued to expand in the past year. The public has become more aware of this particular service through improved publicity and in-service programs. We anticipate that this program will continue to grow in direct relation to the increasing number of single parents.

Group Homes

The society owns and operates two Group Homes in the City of Sydney, which have a capacity of six and five. The group parents reside in the home on a live-in basis and, with the support of social workers, provide an excellent home environment for children who are unable to function in their own homes or foster homes. The population of the co-ed home consists of young teenagers attending junior high school, and children in the other home were somewhat younger.

Residential Centre

The Boys Residential Centre, under the management of the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton, is located in the Town of New Waterford. The staff under the centre's director provide a high quality of care and supervision for the boys who reside in this

facility. The centre experienced 98% occupancy in 1985-86, which demonstrates the continuing need for such a facility.

Port Hawkesbury District Office

Gordon MacMaster, District Supervisor

The Port Hawkesbury District Office is located in the Provincial Building on MacSween Street and has one part-time and 12 full-time employees. The office serves the needs of Inverness and Richmond counties, which have a combined population of 36,000.

Family Benefits Program

Two and one-half full-time social service workers maintain an average caseload of 1,000 for the Family Benefits Program, which provides assistance to disabled people, mothers with dependent children, foster parents, disabled fathers with dependent children, and diabetics. The staff also are involved with the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs, completing applications for two subsidized day-care centres, and referring residents to the appropriate outside agencies that best suit their needs.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services program, through a contract between the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Department of Social Services, employs a part-time worker, who maintains a caseload of 80-110 clients per month. The worker is responsible for the Town of Port Hawkesbury; municipal offices are also located in St. Peter's and Port Hood for Richmond and Inverness counties respectively.

The municipal program offers assistance in General Assistance and Homes for Special Care. In the past fiscal year the program spent $247,000 for General Assistance and an additional $112,000 for 12 residents in Homes for Special Care.

Family Court

The Family Court employs one full-time employee, whose duties include the taking of information and enforcement of court orders.

This worker also provides services to youths charged under the Young Offenders Act for both Inverness and Richmond counties.

In the past fiscal year there were 272 maintenance orders in effect, an increase of 67 cases. Collections for the end of the year were $365,183. The worker also dealt with 16 juveniles under the new Young Offenders Act who required services ranging from Community Services to entrance into a training facility.

Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond

Gordon MacMaster, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond is responsible for adoptions and the provision of protection services and services to children in care and custody under the Children's Services Act. It was officially incorporated on June 1, 1981, and has eight employees. One student is currently doing his field placement from Holland College in Prince Edward Island. The society maintains a network of foster homes, used to place children who have been taken into care. At the present time there are 16 such children. The society maintains a caseload of 90-100 protection families and had 116 protection referrals in the past year. There were also numerous inquiries concerning adoptions. As a result, the agency was able to finalize a total of 10 adoptions: 9 private and 1 agency.

In the past year the workers presented many workshops in schools and to support groups to increase public awareness of child abuse.

The agency has also developed a program dealing with relationships, directed at teenagers, called "Choices and Consequences." The staff continue to conduct numerous workshops and in-services in the communities to make people aware of their responsibilities in protecting children.

North Shore Regional Office, New Glasgow

R.C. Purdy, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

The North Shore Region of the Department of Social Services is comprised of the counties of Guysborough, Antigonish, Pictou, Colchester and Cumberland. The regional office is located on

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Campbell's Lane, New Glasgow. The Family Court for the County of Pictou is also located in the same building. The office is operated on a joint service basis with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County, with a combined staff of 37 serving the County of Pictou.

Family Benefits Program

Under this program, long-term assistance is provided to disabled individuals, mothers with dependent children, foster parents, and disabled fathers with children. Assistance is also provided to applicants under the various senior citizens' financial aid programs.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program is administered by the Department of Social Services on a contractual basis with the towns of Stellarton, Westville, Trenton and Pictou. The staff are employees of the Department of Social Services. However, the responsibility for policy rests with the individual municipal unit.

Municipal social services for the Town of New Glasgow are provided through a contractual arrangement with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County. Municipal social services for the Municipality of the County of Pictou are provided by three employees of the county.

Rehabilitation Services

This program provides services to individuals over the age of 16 years who, because of physical or mental handicaps, require help to achieve skills or occupational training to enable them to become self-sufficient. This program also provides assistance to single mothers to enable them to become self-sufficient through training, upgrading and the provision of employment. There are two workers in this program. The worker dealing with the disabled provides this service for the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou, and the worker dealing with single parents serves all five counties in the North Shore Region.

Services for the Mentally Handicapped

The regional co-ordinator of Services to the Mentally Handicapped serves all five counties in the North Shore Region. He meets

regularly with agencies and groups to co-ordinate services to the mentally handicapped and the post-mentally ill, and to enhance the present service and promote new services.

Family Court, New Glasgow

The Family Court serving Pictou County hears all actions brought before it under the Family Maintenance Act, the Young Offenders Act, the Children's Services Act and the Infants' Custody Act. The Family Maintenance Act engages the greater portion of the court's time, both in hearings and enforcement of resultant court orders. During the year, active cases in Pictou County numbered approximately 850. Collection services in connection with the Family Maintenance Act for the counties of Antigonish, Pictou and Guysborough are provided through this office.

Children's Aid Society of Pictou County

R.C. Purdy, M.S.W., Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Pictou County, through its board of directors, and with jurisdiction under the Children's Services Act, provides child care services as required for the protection and care of children throughout Pictou County. These services are:

- placement of children for adoption where this is in the best interest of the child
- provision of substitute placement for children who are committed to the care and custody of the society or placed with the agency for voluntary care
- child protection services
- single-parent services, and
- provision of Homemakers Services on an individual and group basis.

Congregate Care

Congregate care facilities in Pictou County are comprised of three Homes for the Aged: Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow; Valley View Villa, Riverton; and Edward Mortimer Place, Pictou. Riverview Adult Residential Centre provides accommodations for handicapped

adults. There are two Group Homes for young mentally handicapped adults operated by the Highland Community Residential Services Society.

Antigonish District Office, Antigonish

L.A. Mills, District Supervisor

The Antigonish District Office of the Department of Social Services is located in the Provincial Building on James Street, Antigonish. The office provides departmental services to the County of Antigonish, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, and Young Offenders Services to the entire County of Guysborough.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program in the Antigonish office provides services to Family Benefits recipients in the County of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. This service is available to disabled people, mothers with dependent children, foster parents, disabled fathers with dependent children, and unemployable women.

Community Services Program

One social service worker devotes part of his time to the Community Services Program. The program involves housing and repair programs offered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Nova Scotia Department of Housing. The worker assists residents of the area by providing information and direction regarding home improvements and housing in general.

Municipal Social Services

The Municipal Social Services Program has two social service workers under contractual arrangements to administer the program for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, the Town of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

In-Home Support Program

Senior citizens and disabled persons for the most part would rather remain in their own homes than enter Homes for Special Care. To facilitate this wish, a program has been developed to provide those persons who qualify with financial assistance. The assistance is granted where it can be demonstrated that it is necessary to enable the recipient to remain in his or her own home and modestly enhance his or her lifestyle.

Family and Children's Services

Three social service workers provide services to children and adults including:

- services to children who require a substitute family placement
- services to unmarried parents
- adoption services
- child protection and family care services, including both individual and family counselling
- provision of voluntary care for children, and
- adult protection services.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided to residents of the County of Antigonish and are available to residents of the three municipal units within this office's jurisdiction through two private agencies. Financial assistance is available to clients of Homemakers Services through the Department's Municipal Social Services Program.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided to residents of the Antigonish District Office area through the North Shore Regional Office, New Glasgow.

Day Care

A day care service is available to preschool children in a facility centrally located in the Town of Antigonish and subsidized by the Department of Social Services.

Homes for Special Care

Two Homes for Special Care are located in the Town of Antigonish and one is located in the Village of Sherbrooke, in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The total capacity of these three homes is 185 guests. Many of these guests are supported financially through the Municipal Social Services Program.

Family Court

The Family Court serving Antigonish and Guysborough counties hears all actions brought under various statutes dealing with family matters and children, including the Family Maintenance Act, Infants' Custody Act, Children's Services Act, Young Offenders Act and certain sections of other Acts, including the Criminal Code of Canada.

With the death of Family Court Judge T.D. Tramble on September 24, 1985, Judge Robert L. White, Family Court, New Glasgow, has accepted the added responsibility of presiding over the Antigonish and Guysborough areas.

Special Protection Services are provided by one social service worker, who serves both Antigonish and Guysborough counties. Service is provided to children under 16 years of age who have been charged and found guilty of an offence.

Guysborough District Office, Guysborough

Harold M. Roberts, District Supervisor

The Guysborough District Office of the Department of Social Services provides services to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, the Town of Mulgrave and the Town of Canso, and is located in the Chedabucto Centre, just outside Guysborough Village. The Guysborough office has been in existence since fall 1977.

Family and Children's Services

The child-welfare services provided to families and children in this area are:

- services to single parents
- adoption services

- services to unmarried mothers
- foster home placements
- child protection services
- voluntary care programs for children
- supervision of children committed to the care and custody of the Minister
- family support services
- family counselling
- dispersion of the Christmas Daddies Fund, and
- arrangement of some summer camping programs at Camp Canso, Glasgow Head, Guysborough County.

Family Benefits Program

This program provides financial assistance to mothers with dependent children, aged people, unemployable women, and disabled people. The worker in this program also investigates and processes all home-improvement loan requests from the program's recipients.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program provides financial assistance to people in need and places people in Homes for Special Care on a contractual basis with the three municipal units in the area. The Municipality of Guysborough has its own Home for the Aged at Hazel Hill, Guysborough County. The In-Home Support Program offers disabled or elderly individuals financial aid so relatives can care for them at home, allowing them to avoid being placed in a Home for Special Care. The Municipal Social Services worker also completes subsidy applications from parents who place their children in the Canso and Area Day Care Centre.

Homemakers Services

A working supervisor and six homemakers operate out of the Guysborough office, providing services to elderly or disabled citizens in the area. They teach and practice their homemaking skills with multiproblem families. The Town of Mulgrave offers the same services through two homemakers situated in the town.

Family Court

A Family Court worker does intake, takes applications and complaints, and oversees the summoning and enforcing of Family Court orders in conjunction with the Family Maintenance Act, Infants' Custody Act and Children's Services Act. This service was initiated in this office in November 1982.

Colchester District Office, Truro

Harvey MacArthur, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Colchester District Office is located at 58 Willow Street, Truro, in the Colchester Social Services Centre. The centre is also occupied by the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County. The staff of 30 provide, through a joint agreement between the Department of Social Services and the Children's Aid Society, the various Social Services programs to the 42,000 residents of Colchester County.

Family Benefits Program

An average of 1,150 families and individuals receive financial aid through this program each month. The demand for this service continues to escalate, particularly in requests for investigation of new cases. To meet this demand, the addition of a casual worker to assist the two field workers was required from October 1985 to March 31, 1986.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services to individuals who, because of mental, physical or social disability, require counselling and support towards self-sufficiency were provided to an average of 65 clients per month. The Vocational Rehabilitation Allowance Program available to single, dependent mothers continues to be well received by an average of 40 clients involved in educational and vocational training programs.

Community Support Services

Staff of the district office continued their involvement in community endeavours to provide direct services or support programs. These include a work activity centre, a sheltered workshop, a work activity program, a Group Home for the mentally handicapped, a Head Start Program and a community day-care program.

Emergency Measures

The staff of the district office, in co-operation with the staff of the Children's Aid Society and Family Services, have assisted in the reorganization of an emergency measures plan for the Town of Truro. The Social Services segment is a major component of the overall plan and requires the participation of 12 people to lead the various services. Several of these people have participated in the training program sponsored by the Government of Canada at Arnprior, Ontario. It is expected that the remaining participants will be scheduled to attend in the new year.

Family Court

The Family Court continues to administer the Children's Services Act, the Family Maintenance Act and the Young Offenders Act. The Family Maintenance Act consumes the major part of the Court's time, with 510 active orders being administered by staff. In February 1986 the payment part of the program was transferred from New Glasgow to Truro, which will ensure that quicker payments are made to clients and their dependents. Preparations to develop the Alternative Measures Program under the Young Offenders Act were completed and a proposal is expected to be operational early in the new fiscal year.

Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County

Harvey MacArthur, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County is directed by a board of directors from the Colchester community

who are responsible to the Minister of Social Services in the provision of the following services:

- protection services—counselling and support services to families and individuals
- supervision of children committed to the legal care of the society by the Court, and children placed in care on a voluntary basis by their legal guardian
- licensing and supervision of foster homes
- adoption services
- services to unwed parents
- custody studies
- Municipal Social Services to the towns of Truro and Stewiacke, and
- Homemakers Services.

The trend towards a decrease in the number of children in the legal care of the agency continued in the 1985/86 fiscal year. As of March 31, 1986, the agency had 55 children as opposed to 69 on March 31, 1985. There was, however, a marked overall increase of 35% in the number of protection referrals. This increase results largely from the marked increase in referrals regarding child abuse, including sexual abuse and family violence. To deal with the intricate nature of these referrals, the agency developed and implemented a protocol that outlines procedures to be followed in co-operation with other community resources such as police, schools and the medical and legal professions.

The agency was successful in receiving a training grant under the Job Strategy Program sponsored by Canada Employment and Immigration. Five people are being trained: four to work with families or victims of abuse or violence, and one to provide homemakers services to such families and individuals. The grant was for a six-month period beginning in January 1986.

The agency board and staff welcomed the announcement of the Minister establishing the Task Force on Family and Children's Services. The staff and the board are deeply involved in reviewing the agency's programs and are preparing an extensive brief to be presented to the task force.

Cumberland District Office, Amherst

Don Russell, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Cumberland District Office provides service throughout Cumberland County. The district office is located at 24 Crescent Avenue in Amherst, in the Family Service Centre Building. It is operated on a joint service basis with the Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County. There is a combined staff of 31 for all services provided out of this centre.

Family Benefits Program

Under this program, long-term assistance is provided to disabled individuals, mothers with dependent children, foster parents, and disabled fathers with dependent children. Assistance is also provided to applicants under the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Day Care Services

Family Benefits staff members process all applications for day care subsidization, licensing procedures for new day-care centres, and yearly assessments of all existing day-care centres.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation counselling and assessment services are provided to people over the age of 16 who, because of physical, psychological or social handicaps, need assistance to improve their occupational skills, with the goal of eventual employment and self-sufficiency.

Community Services Program

Operated as a district sub-office in the Municipal Provincial Building in the Town of Springhill, Community Services provides service to individuals throughout the county who have special housing needs.

Adult Protection Services

An investigation is conducted upon receipt of a complaint that an adult is a victim of abuse or incapable of protecting himself as outlined in the provincial Adult Protection Act. Existing community services are used to provide assistance where necessary.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program provides short-term financial assistance to people in need. Assistance also is given to individuals requiring placement in a Home for Special Care, nursing homes and homes for the disabled.

Municipal Social Services offices for the Town of Amherst, the County of Cumberland and the Town of Parrsboro are provided from the Family Service Centre. The towns of Springhill and Oxford provide this service from their respective town offices.

Family Court, Amherst

The Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia operates a Family Court for the County of Cumberland from the Family Service Centre, 24 Crescent Avenue, Amherst. The Court has a staff of four, in addition to the Judge, who hears cases on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. The Court has jurisdiction in family matters, including maintenance, child protection and custody. It also acts as a Youth Court for children aged 12-15 years charged with offenses under the Young Offenders Act or other provincial statutes.

Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County

Don Russell, M.S.W., Executive Director

This agency is located at 24 Crescent Avenue in Amherst and provides child welfare services and services to families throughout Cumberland County:

- child protection services
- services to single parents
- placement of children for adoption
- foster home care for children committed to the care of the agency and admitted to care on a voluntary basis
- family counselling
- Homemakers Services to the aged, the disabled, single parents, and those who require the teaching of homemakers services, and
- a Group Home, providing residential care for six teenage boys or girls.

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Halifax Regional Office, Halifax

Joan M. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

The Halifax Regional Office is located at the Metro One Building, 6061 Young Street, Halifax. Although the main responsibility of this office is administering the Family Benefits Program, Day Care Services was added in 1984. Three staff offer rehabilitation services to single parents, and a psychological technician and social worker who administers the Special Foster Home Care Program for mentally handicapped children also works out of the office.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program is offered to the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, and to the Municipality of the County of Halifax. Social service workers process new applications and determine ongoing eligibility yearly for the 5,500 individuals and families who receive Family Benefits.

The decentralization of the Family Benefits Program has dramatically improved the delivery of the program to all recipients. Eligibility for Family Benefits is determined at the regional level in a more efficient manner, and communication between applicants, recipients and the Department has improved substantially.

Day Care Services

Two staff members assess parent financial eligibility for subsidized day care. The staff caseloads and number of centres visited by each were reorganized in 1984-85 for more effective utilization of time.

Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents has proven to be one of the most exciting programs initiated by the Department in a long time. Staff continue to assess clients for the suitability for training and to recommend financial support for clients who are ready to participate in training. In addition, the staff assist single parents who are trained in finding employment. From March 19, 1985, to March 19, 1986, of 118 single parents who received training, 63 became employed. This information holds great promise for the future of this program.

Family Court, Halifax and Dartmouth

Calvin Bungay, Supervisor

There are three separate components of the Family Court in Halifax-Dartmouth which function together as one unit: the Judiciary Section, the Counselling Section and the Enforcement Section.

Judiciary Section

Six Judges hear both adult and juvenile cases at the Halifax, Dartmouth and Hants County Family Courts.

Counselling Section

This section consists of a casework supervisor, special protection workers, intake workers and a stenographer. The special protection workers provide supervision and counselling services to children who come into conflict with the law. The intake workers are responsible for intake assessment and referral services to all clients who come to the Court. Since they have the first contact with clients, they must be knowledgeable about the range of services available within the Court and the wide diversity of services available in Halifax County. The overall operation of the counselling section and the responsibility for the delivery of services rests with the casework supervisor.

Enforcement Section

The Enforcement Section is an integral part of the Family Court. Three enforcement officers ensure that monies are paid in accordance with court orders. They also assist the senior Family Court officer in the daily functioning of the Court pertaining to adult matters. This section employs an accountant who is responsible for all payments made into the Court with respect to court orders and fines, and an assistant accountant who is responsible for forwarding payments to the recipient and assisting the accountant in the overall accounting system. The Court works very closely with the juvenile section of the Halifax, Dartmouth and RCMP forces in the area. The Halifax and Dartmouth city police have special officers attached to the Court on a full-time basis.

Children's Aid Society of Halifax

Marilyn R. Peers, R.S.W., Executive Director
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Barbara Williams, R.S.W., Supervisor, Placement/Single Parent Unit
Chuck Lake, Comptroller

The Children's Aid Society of Halifax was founded in 1920. It is a private agency that provides a range of child welfare services within the City of Halifax. The community board of directors is responsible to the Minister of Social Services under the Children's Services Act and strives to maintain quality in all aspects of the society's work with families and children.

Family Care Services

Family Care Services is a specialized child-welfare service that offers help on behalf of any child considered or found to be neglected, abused or exploited. The focus is to help parents give the care that meets their child's needs, thus protecting the child from further neglect or abuse, and to promote the child's well-being. In 1985-86, 572 new referrals of families were received, with over 800 children receiving service in their own homes. One hundred and seventy-seven children came into temporary care, and 28 of these came into permanent care.

Single Parent Services

Single Parent Services provides supportive assistance to single, pregnant women before and after the birth of their child. The goal is to assure that the needs of both parent and child are met, and to help each parent arrive at the plan of choice for their baby. There were 51 referrals of single parents wishing help in planning for their infants in 1985-86, a significant drop from previous years.

Family Skills Services

Family Skills Services was begun in 1977 and provides three staff experienced in homemaking to teach parents skills in budgeting, nutrition, conducting job searches, child care and household

management. The service has expanded to include assistance in obtaining accommodation, job retraining, advocacy and resource referral. Over 150 families were helped to learn the skills needed to raise a family.

Child Care Services

Child Care Services provides for the care of those children and youth who are unable to return to the care of their parents, for whom the stresses of parenting were too great. Children who require placement away from their own families are cared for primarily by foster parents. The Inter Church Group Home is designed to offer a living arrangement with a small group of peers in a homelike setting. They are assisted by selected group-home parents to handle the complexities of their relationships in the home and the community. Older youth have moved into independent living situations with the goal of continuing their education and training, and becoming self-supporting. The Annual Achievement Awards, provided through the financial support of the public, have assisted 26 of these young people who have demonstrated exceptional academic and personal achievement. The agency has 171 children and youth in permanent care.

Adoption Services

Adoption Services are provided for children who cannot be raised by their natural parents and need and can benefit by new and permanent family ties established through legal adoption. In this way they are able to become members of a family that can give them the love, care, protection and opportunities essential for their healthy personal growth and development. Fifteen children were placed in adoption homes in 1985-86.

Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services provides substitute family care for a planned period of time for a child when his or her own family cannot provide care for a temporary or extended period, and when adoption is either not yet possible or not desired. A number of foster parents, who have had a child in care for several years or more have made a commitment to their foster child to live permanently as part of their family. The agency has 120 foster homes in this program.

Dartmouth District Office

Duncan K. Rosnok, District Supervisor

The Dartmouth District Office is located in the Professional Centre at 277 Pleasant Street, Suite 205, Dartmouth.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Services Program provides service to clients in the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, with the exception of the Bedford-Sackville area, which is covered by a rehabilitation counsellor in the Sackville District Office.

Three rehabilitation counsellors provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with physical, mental or emotional disabilities who are least 16 years of age or older. These services include medical, social and vocational assessments; vocational counselling; and those relating to physical restoration and vocational training. The overall objective is to help the disabled individual to obtain employment. From April 1, 1985, to March 31, 1986, some 207 referrals were received, 112 new cases were opened, 106 clients entered training, 36 clients completed training and 88 people found jobs.

Family and Children's Services

The Family and Children's Services Program serves the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, with the exception of the area serviced by the Sackville District Office (Bedford-Sackville and Halifax County West).

The Single Parent Program is comprised of two workers. They are responsible for providing counselling and supportive services to single parents to help them plan for their children and themselves before and after the birth, and to help them follow through with their plans. The workers arrange accommodations, financial support and medical care; provide information about legal rights and childbirth and alternatives open to the mother concerning her child's future; and provide temporary care for a child awaiting adoption placement, or to give the mother time to make suitable plans to keep her child. During fiscal 1985/86, service was provided to 169 single parents, with an increase of referrals over the previous year of 17.4%.

Two social workers, acting as foster home finders, are responsible for recruiting foster homes; orienting and training foster

parent applicants and new foster parents through group meetings over a two-week period; foster home placements and assisting in weekly permanency planning and adoption planning meetings for children in care; providing overall supervision to foster parents; attending foster-parent association meetings; and giving of their expertise and experience to foster parents. This service is available to the Dartmouth District Office and Sackville District Office.

Three social service workers work with the adoption program in metro and Halifax County. Two are involved with agency adoptions and one social service worker in the private adoption program. The agency adoption workers provide assessment of prospective adoption families and placements of children for adoption. The adoption program workers also offer information meetings and participate in a self-help, post-adoption group provided for families adopting special-needs children.

Four workers (one social worker and three social service workers) involved with the Ward Program are responsible for all the children in the case and custody of the Minister of Social Services. The total number of wards for the Dartmouth District Office was 138 as of March 31, 1986. One worker from the Ward Program and one worker from the foster home finders program have participated in the Department of Social Services task force.

The ward worker's main responsibility is to locate, secure and maintain a good home for the children, either a foster or an adoption home, looking after the best interests of the children in their care.

Independence Home is a facility providing an independent living situation for four girls aged 16 years and over. The Independence Home is staffed with two volunteers and is supervised through the ward program and the Dartmouth District Office. This facility is available to all girls in the care of the Minister or other child-welfare agencies.

The Protection Program is organized to receive reports of child abuse and neglect from the community it services. It is organized into three separate, functional units: Intake, Family Services and Child Care.

The Intake Unit consists of two permanent social workers and one long-term casual social worker, who receive reports of child abuse and neglect from the community. They are responsible for investigating these reports and helping families to explore and to obtain services that can begin the process of resolving their problem. If the intake social worker has reason to believe that a family needs long-term follow-up, the family is transferred to the Family Services Unit. From April 1, 1985, to March 31, 1986, 802 intakes were received.

The Family Services Unit consists of five social workers and is designed to work with families over a longer period of time, from a few months to a few years. These are usually families who have multiple problems and require supervision, support and constant motivation to accept and use community rehabilitation services. During 1985-86, caseloads in the Family Service Unit increased significantly because of the increased number of referrals to the Protection Program.

The Child Care Unit is comprised of one full-time social worker and one long-term casual worker and is designed to receive all children who are placed in foster care by the social worker doing either Intake or Family Service work. A large percentage of the children are voluntarily admitted to care.

There is also a teaching homemaker attached to the Protection Program who is available to the other Family and Children's Services programs in the Dartmouth District Office. She works out of the Dartmouth District Office and with our clientele, although she is funded through the Dartmouth Community Homemaker's Association. Her responsibility is to help the families referred to her to maintain the daily routine of the household as closely as possible, and to assist families in their individual needs for affection, attention and acceptance (i.e., in the areas of physical care, nutrition, health care, budgeting, etc.)

A case aide is responsible for transporting the children in care to and from appointments, visits, foster home placements, shopping, etc., and for completing social histories of the applicants for admission to the mentally handicapped children's program. The case aide is also responsible for carrying out certain administrative tasks as designated by the district supervisor or casework supervisor.

During 1985-86, the Dartmouth District Office provided field placement for four students from the Maritime School of Social Work—one student in the Rehabilitation Services Program, one student in the Single Parent Program and two students in the Protection Program.

Sackville District Office

Graeme Fraser, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Sackville District Office is one of a number of health and social services operating under the umbrella of the Cobequid Multi-Services Centre, 70 Memory Lane, Lower Sackville. The work of the

office is enhanced by the co-ordination and co-operation made possible through the centre. A major expansion to the centre currently is underway with completion scheduled for fall 1986. Our office will be moving to new and enlarged quarters.

The Sackville office offers three major programs: Family and Children's Services, Family Benefits and Rehabilitation Services.

Family and Children's Services

This program serves a large portion of Halifax County, namely the Bedford-Sackville areas, Halifax County West and the Musquodoboit Valley, with a total population of approximately 70,000. Services involve investigation of referrals regarding children who are alleged to be abused or neglected; counselling and support to families experiencing difficulty in parenting, with a view to the prevention or alleviation of abuse or neglect; and placement and supervision of children in the care of the agency either on a temporary or permanent basis.

There has been a dramatic increase in reports of abuse and neglect over the past couple of years. This has resulted in a growth of 48.9% in the total caseload during the past year, to approximately 400 cases. The most significant and startling increase has been in sexual abuse cases. The number of children in care and custody has been declining in recent years; however, the number of children in voluntary care has been increasing by at least an equivalent number. The number of children in care at any one time is usually 80-90.

As a result of the greatly increased workload over the past two or three years, three social workers and a case aide were added to the Family and Children's Services staff this year, bringing the total complement to eight.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program serves the Bedford-Sackville area, the Musquodoboit Valley and part of Halifax West. Two staff are involved with this program, which provides financial assistance for various categories of recipients, most notably disabled persons and single mothers with dependent children. During the past year approximately $3.9 million in assistance was provided to approximately 790 recipients. The caseload has remained relatively stable during the past year.

Rehabilitation Services

A rehabilitation counsellor works out of our office on roughly a half-time basis, serving Bedford-Sackville and the surrounding area. The counsellor provides assessment and counselling services, and facilitates job training and placement for disabled persons. The caseload has grown slightly during the past year, with about 50-60 persons being served at any given time, with potential for further growth should more staff time become available.

Regional Offices

Central Region

OFFICES

Central Regional Office	— Kentville
Hants District Office	— Windsor
Lunenburg District Office	— Bridgewater
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	Windsor

Staff of Central Regional Office, Kentville

Central Regional Office, Kentville

Barry Costello, R.S.W., Regional Administrator
Vernon J. Totten, Casework Supervisor

The Central Regional Office of the Department of Social Services includes Lunenburg, Queens, Hants and Kings counties. It is located at 374 Main Street, Kentville, with district offices in Bridgewater, Liverpool and Windsor.

In the regional office at Kentville, the following services are provided to a population of approximately 56,000 people (including the towns of Kentville, Wolfville, Berwick and Kingston):

- financial assistance (Family Benefits Program)
- rehabilitation services to the disabled
- rehabilitation services to the single parent
- Day Care Services, and
- Family Court Services.

Family Benefits Program

Through the Family Benefits Program, the Central Regional Office of the Department provides assistance to 1,246 cases. This service is provided by three Family Benefits workers to unmarried mothers, deserted mothers, widows with dependent children, disabled fathers with dependent children, and single disabled people who qualify according to the Family Benefits Act and Regulations.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation services are provided to the disabled in Kings and Annapolis counties. The rehabilitation counsellor is located at the Kentville regional office. Those considered for this service are individuals over 16 years of age who, because of social, physical or psychological handicaps, require monetary assistance or counselling which would lead them back into the labour market to become self-sufficient members of society.

A worker at the district office in Bridgewater provides vocational services to single parents in Kings County. The single-parent worker normally carries a caseload of 150 persons and, during 1986, 62 were at different stages of job training or vocational planning that will eventually lead them into full-time employment.

Day Care Services

Day Care Services is available to preschool children in two facilities: one in the Town of Kentville and one in the Town of Wolfville. These two registered day-care centres are available to families who qualify for assistance. There are presently 78 children being subsidized in these centres.

Family Court, Kentville

The Family Court is located in the Provincial Building at 120 Exhibition Street, Kentville. This court is a circuit court for the counties of Kings, Annapolis and Lunenburg, and for West Hants. The services provided by the Family Court fall under various acts:

- Family Maintenance Act
- Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- Childrens Services Act
- Infants' Custody Act

Staff of the Family Court, Kentville

- Young Offenders Act
- Education Act
- Adult Protection Act, and
- Young Persons Proceedings Act.

The caseload under the Family Maintenance Act continues to increase and, as of March 31, 1986, the number of cases served by the Court was 1,529 and the amount collected was $1,724,953.54

In addition to the above-mentioned Acts, the Family Court is also involved in the variation of orders made under the Divorce Act Canada. Last year the Court made recommendations for variance of 141 cases (this figure does not include Hants County).

This year the Court saw another Judge appointed to serve on the circuit out of the Kentville Family Court in the person of Judge Margaret Stewart. The circuit court in the Central Region is now handled by three Judges: Chief Judge W. Marshall Black, Judge Paul Niedermayer and Judge Margaret Stewart.

Family and Children's Services of Kings County

Barry Costello, R.S.W., Executive Director

Family Care Services

Family Care Services provides legislated protective services for children of Kings County whose well-being may be at risk because of abuse or neglect. Through counselling and the use of community resources, staff helps parents to provide a safe and caring environment for their children. Social workers in the protection program work with the families of approximately 800 children during the year, some requiring intensive, long-term help, some requiring alternative care arrangements for children and some requiring short-term assessment, counselling and/or referral to a more appropriate service.

This year was particularly challenging; referrals increased 45% over 1984-85 and there were no additional resources to meet this increased demand. The seriousness of referrals to the agency also intensified. Some 104 referrals for physical or sexual abuse were investigated by the agency. Serious-neglect and child-care cases accounted for a significant percentage of referrals. Lack of adequate housing and employment opportunities, and financial needs continue to be contributing factors to child neglect and abuse.

Child Care Services

Child Care Services provided for the care of 196 children during the year. Of these, 98 were in the permanent care and custody of the agency and unable to return (by a Court decision) to the care of their parents. The majority of these children live in foster homes. A long-term commitment is sought between foster parents and the child who is unable to return home or being placed for adoption.

The average age of children in the permanent care of the agency is 12.9 years. Many need help to develop independent living skills, as well as constant support and direction from staff and foster parents. Attention to this important aspect of the agency's work suffers because of the demands of the protection program.

Single Parent Services

Single Parent Services provided counselling to 31 single pregnant women, and follow-up supportive services after the birth of their children. Most single women choose to raise their own child and often require supplementary support and resources to do so. In 1985-86, 2 of the 31 single parents counselled relinquished their children for adoption. Many single parents require follow-up help because of isolation, lack of family support, inadequate income, poor housing and/or lack of child-rearing skills. A volunteer support group for single parents who have relinquished children for adoption was formed during the year.

Adoption Services

Six children were placed for adoption: two infants and four older children. Adoption Services is focusing more than ever on recruiting and assessing adoption homes for older children and siblings. Educational meetings with prospective adopting applicants continue to focus on the needs of the adopted child and the adopting and birth parents, and the paramount need for homes for hard-to-place children. In addition to agency adoption placements, 35 private adoptions were processed. The agency views adoption as the alternative of choice if children cannot remain with their own families.

Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services includes 85 foster families who ensure care to children who must temporarily, and sometimes permanently, live apart from their birth parents. The agency continues to offer a series of five pre-service training sessions to those interested in fostering. Foster families must have special qualities to help children feel secure and accepted during an often traumatic and frightening time in their lives. Fostering includes working with and preparing children to return to their own families, preparation of children for adoption placement, and sometimes offering permanent care to children. The need for foster homes for older children continues to be of concern. Specialized foster families are being sought more often for children with special and demanding needs.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services began in 1979. Staff experienced in homemaking teach parenting skills, budgeting, nutritional needs and household management to families who need assistance with the quality of care their children are receiving. This supportive program often prevents children from having to come into the care of the agency. Fifty families were serviced this year. The Department of Social Services finances 75% of the cost of this program; the remainder comes from agency fundraising efforts.

Volunteer Services

Volunteer services were offered for the seventh consecutive year. Community volunteers help with direct service to clients and assist with transportation and other specific tasks. Their services are greatly appreciated by the social work staff and by the clients who receive their assistance.

Hants District Office, Windsor

Lubin Bourque, M.S.W., District Supervisor

Hants District Office staff occupies a building in Curry's Corner, which is part of the Town of Windsor. The building is shared with the staff of Family and Children's Services of Hants County in a joint services agreement. The population of Hants County is approximately 33,000.

Family Benefits Program

On average, approximately 800 Family Benefits recipients are served by two Family Benefits workers in this office. Assistance is given to disabled people, single mothers with dependent children, disabled fathers with dependent children, and foster parents. These workers also help process applications for Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services have two main components: General Assistance, which is normally short-term assistance, and assistance

for residents in Homes for Special Care. Three Municipal Social Services workers are employed at this office, providing services to five municipal units: East Hants, West Hants, Windsor, Hantsport and Wolfville. The General Assistance caseload averages 275 people. The Homes for Special Care caseload averages 210.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided by a worker from this office to approximately 50 people in Hants County with a variety of social, physical and psychological handicaps. The thrust of this program is to assist people in need to develop occupational skills that will help them to take their place in society.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided to approximately 120 recipients in Hants County. This program is administered by the four municipal units in Hants County and is supervised by the Hants district supervisor. It is geared primarily to meeting the needs of seniors and the disabled.

Seniors Information Line: 798-8323

Seniors can have questions answered from Monday to Friday on a wide variety of concerns, including social, economic, educational or recreational concerns. The contact person offers a direct answer or connects the caller with an appropriate resource.

Friendly Visitation

This service is a volunteer home-visiting program designed to provide friendship and support to disabled persons. Volunteers help meet the needs for a close relationship, expanded social contacts, or regained confidence. Volunteers of all ages visit matched, shut-in seniors. Visits are usually on a regular weekly basis, and activities may include reading, writing letters, grocery shopping, conversation and so on.

Telephone Chit Chat

This service is available to any senior living alone who would feel

reassured by receiving a friendly telephone call. Volunteers of all ages from our community are utilized.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a volunteer organization which provides nourishing noon meals to individuals having difficulty preparing their own. Recipients may be convalescent, disabled or chronically ill. Referrals are accepted from social agencies, ministers, relatives, friends and individuals themselves.

Snow-shovelling Team

A volunteer snow-shovelling team was organized the past two winters and provided snow removal for seniors having difficulty shovelling their own walkways and doorsteps. Students were matched with seniors in their area.

Family Court

Two Family Court Judges sit in Hants County—one in Windsor and one in Shubenacadie. The majority of cases coming before the Court are under the following acts: Children's Services Act, Young Offenders Act, Family Maintenance Act and Infants' Custody Act. Associated with the Court are court-reporter services provided to the Family Court in Windsor by the Hants District Office. Court-reporter services in Shubenacadie and enforcement and Young Offenders Services for both courts are delivered from outside Hants County.

Family and Children's Services of Hants County

Lubin Bourque, M.S.W., Executive Director
Neil Kennedy, M.S.W., Casework Supervisor

Family and Children's Services of Hants County is a private child-protection agency, with a board of directors drawn from throughout the county, that has operated for approximately 73 years. Like the

Hants District Office, it serves a population of approximately 33,000 people. Services provided to the residents of Hants County include:

- child protection and family care services
- foster care services
- Adoption Services
- services to unmarried mothers
- operation of a Group Home for adolescent boys
- planning and preparation for a local "Christmas Daddies" program, and
- special projects.

During the past year, the agency sponsored programs to enhance its effectiveness and increase its service delivery. Two family support workers were hired to assist families, through a teaching model, with matters such as child care, budgeting, housekeeping and nutrition. A third person was employed to develop a life skills package for the agency's older adolescents in care.

Lunenburg District Office, Bridgewater

Malcolm R. Burrill, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Lunenburg District Office serves the towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, and the municipalities of the districts of Lunenburg and Chester. The office is located in the Provincial Building, Suite 105, 99 High Street, Bridgewater.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance to 1,011 recipients. There are two field staff for this program, and 248 applications were processed, with 206 cases eligible for Family Benefits over the last fiscal year.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program operates on a contractual arrangement with the five municipal units of Lunenburg County. A joint social services committee with representation from the five municipal councils provides harmony in policymaking. Three

Staff of Lunenburg District Office

permanent social service workers and one casual provide assistance to eligible applicants seeking financial aid or placement in Homes for Special Care.

The General Assistance paid during the 1985/86 fiscal year in Lunenburg County was $1,057,270. The figure for Homes for Special Care was $3,325,819.

Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons provides occupation-adjustment planning services to disabled people. One social service worker provides service to the counties of Lunenburg and Queens. The active caseload at the close of the fiscal year was 75.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents provides services to enable a single parent to develop the necessary skills to be gainfully employed. As a part of the program, single parents are taught to manage their home and family life in preparation for the changes that will be taking place in their lives. One social service worker provides services to single parents in Kings and Queens counties. There were 162 active cases in the region as of March 31, 1986.

Day Care Services

The Department of Social Services subsidizes a day care centre in Bridgewater and another in Lunenburg town. These day care services are for preschoolers and, at the close of the past fiscal year, there were 70 subsidized children.

Adult Protection Services

This is a new and developing program which provides protection to adults from abuse and neglect. In the last quarter of the 1985/86 fiscal year, there were four complex inquiries for services to adults.

Family and Youth Courts

The Youth Court is held in Lunenburg town and one social service worker provides special protection services for Lunenburg and Queens counties. There were 100 hearings during the year, and the number of youth on probation on March 31, 1986, was 33. In Lunenburg County, collections under the Family Maintenance Act amounted to $549,478.58 during fiscal 1985/86.

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County

Malcolm R. Burrill, M.S.W., Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County is now in its fifty-fifth year of operation, and located at 99 High Street in Bridgewater. Under a joint service agreement, the agency shares office space and administration with the Department of Social Services. Family and Children's Services is responsible for the following services to Lunenburg County:

- child protection
- children in care and custody
- foster homes
- unmarried parents
- adoptions (agency and private)
- Homemakers Services, and
- family and marital counselling.

Staff of Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County

At the present time, the agency has 75 children in care and custody. During the past year, 33 children were placed in temporary foster care under the voluntary care program. The agency has a total child protection caseload of 223. During the year, 16 children were found in need of protection by the Family Court and were committed to care and custody. Our family therapist offered counselling services to 129 families during the past year. The agency also administers Homemakers Services for Lunenburg County. During the past year, 16,377.5 hours of service were provided to 156 families.

Queens District Office, Liverpool

Donald Burns, District Supervisor

The district office is located at 43 Carten Street in Liverpool.

Family Benefits Program

This is a long-term, categorical type of assistance. Application may be made by writing the Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1360, Liverpool, or by telephoning 354-3422 and requesting an interview.

An applicant's initial interview may be at his or her own home or in our office.

Municipal Social Assistance

The Department of Social Services is under contract to the Town of Liverpool and the Municipality of Queens to deliver municipal social assistance. This includes General Assistance (short-term money payments based upon financial need under the budget deficit system); placement and sponsorship for those in need in Homes for Special Care; and assisting the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes under the In-Home Support Program. Besides providing assistance to those in need, the social service worker maintains a liaison with employers throughout the town and county with a view to referring people for employment.

Rehabilitation Services

This program, including the single parent program, is delivered to Queens County from the Lunenburg District Office.

Young Offenders Services

This program, including enforcement, is delivered to Queens County from the Lunenburg District Office.

Family Court

This Family Court is held by a circuit judge from Yarmouth, and sits in Liverpool every Thursday.

Family and Children's Services of Queens County

Donald A. Burns, Executive Director

This agency is responsible for children's services and has jurisdiction within the Town of Liverpool and the County of Queens. The board of the agency attempts to analyze the needs of the community on a

continuous basis and, where possible, keep resources and facilities current.

The agency is governed by a board of directors, which formulates personnel policy. Board members are elected from the local population and are people with the best interests of their community at heart.

Protection Services

This mandated service under the Children's Services Act covers child abuse, child sexual assault or molestation, and general neglect. Field workers use a variety of resources to cope with these problems.

Foster Child Supervision

This service involves supervising children who have been committed to care and custody. The children are placed mainly in foster homes. The child, the foster parents and the workers work together to develop a satisfactory family experience for the child.

Voluntary Care Agreements

Provision is made in the Children's Services Act for children to be received into care voluntarily from their parents. This is usually short-term and for a specific purpose. For example, the parents may be anticipating a very trying one-or-two month period and may feel unable to adequately care for their children during that time. The agency will enter into a voluntary care agreement with the parents for a specific period of time, which may be renewable if necessary.

Adoption Services

This service is offered by the agency. There are now a number of homes approved and awaiting children.

Homemakers Services

These services are offered within Queens County, together with the services of home handy persons. Both services have proven to be instrumental in helping the elderly and the handicapped to remain in their own homes for longer periods of time.

Foster Parent Week and Recruitment

The agency participates in the provincial Foster Parent Week and arranges a banquet for foster parents during that week. The need for new foster parents is brought before the public at frequent intervals, and staff are actively engaged in ongoing recruitment.

Custody and Other Reports

The agency's staff prepare custody reports for the courts when requested to do so. In addition, staff prepares sundry reports, including home studies, for agencies other than the Family Court—an example would be a family background report for a child admitted to the I.W.K. Hospital for Children.

Wheels to Meals

The agency is working in concert with Queens Manor to establish a program to provide nutritious meals to five persons in our immediate area who require them each day. When the program becomes fully established, we intend to expand into other areas of the county to provide a similar service with other Homes for Special Care.

Queens Association for Early Childhood Intervention

This program is jointly sponsored by the agency and addresses the needs of physically and mentally handicapped children from birth to five years of age. Our president is also the president of this organization, which has its own board of directors.

Regional Offices

Western Region

OFFICES

Western Regional Office	— Yarmouth
Annapolis District Office	— Annapolis Royal
Digby District Office	— Digby
Shelburne District Office	— Barrington
Family Court	— Yarmouth
	Digby

Western Regional Office, Yarmouth

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Regional Administrator
Michael J. Kendrick, B.A., M.S.W., M.Th., Assistant Regional Administrator

The Western Region of the Department of Social Services encompasses Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby and Annapolis counties. The regional office is located in Yarmouth, with district offices in Barrington, Digby and Annapolis Royal. The regional administrator is responsible for program development, co-ordination and supervision, and the operation of both the regional and district offices. Five persons were employed through the provincial employment program at the Western Regional Office during the 12-month period ending March 31, 1986. Two individuals served as case aides for the provincial Family Benefits Program and the Municipal Social Services Program; three provided clerical services to these programs. The Western Regional Office is accountable for program delivery to a population of approximately 24,000 within the County of Yarmouth.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program has two social service workers, who help individuals apply for financial assistance. Personal and financial data are validated and reported in writing to the Family Benefits Division in Halifax, enabling the Director of Family Benefits to determine eligibility. Annual reviews and changes in the financial status of clients are carried out by social service workers, who have a combined caseload of about 929 clients.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services for the counties of Yarmouth and Digby are provided by one social service worker. Another social service worker provides counselling services to single parents in Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties.

Municipal Social Services

Municipal Social Services is provided on a contractual basis between the Minister of Social Services and the Town of Yarmouth, the

Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Municipality of the District of Argyle. The three social service workers responsible for this program provide assistance to clients applying for short-term financial aid and placement in Homes for Special Care. Personal, financial and social data are collected and assessed by these staff members to determine eligibility.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided under the Municipal Social Services Program to the elderly and disabled throughout the County of Yarmouth. Supervised by Department staff, homemakers are employees of the municipalities. Three full-time and 17 part-time homemakers comprise the staff, with direct supervision provided by a co-ordinator.

Family Court, Yarmouth

The Family Court has its offices in Yarmouth, with circuit courtroom facilities located in Digby, Barrington, Shelburne and Liverpool. A court supervisor is responsible for staff involved in programs relating to maintenance collection and enforcement, the Young Offenders Act and numerous other statutes over which the Family Court has jurisdiction.

Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Executive Director

Family and Children's Services, formerly the Children's Aid Society, has existed since 1913 and has provided many services to the Yarmouth area over the years. These services have included:

- child protection
- children in care and custody
- adoptions (agency and private)
- foster home finding
- single parents
- counselling, and
- the Residential Centre.

The agency has five field staff, a stenographer, bookkeeper, switchboard operator, supervisor and director. During summer 1985 the agency was able to employ three university students under the federal Challenge '85 Program. Through the winter months, two additional persons were employed through the Winter Works Program. Both programs eased the workload for agency staff. The Future Planning and Goal Setting Committee, comprised of board members and staff, was extremely busy during the year, reviewing agency programs and making necessary changes for improved service delivery.

Child Protection Services

The child protection program was serviced by three workers, and protection intake was assigned to the adoption worker, which reduced the amount of time for investigation of initial cases. The agency initiated a new on-call system during the year that greatly improved service. There was a noticeable increase in workloads during the fiscal year, which showed up in the types of referrals handled by the agency. The number of apprehensions and the number of voluntary care arrangements increased over this period of time.

Children in Care and Custody

Some 877 children have been committed to care during the years of operation. At year's end, 70 children remained in care and custody. The majority of these children were between the ages of 10 and 20.

Foster Homes

With the assistance of an employee under the Winter Works Program, the agency undertook a concentrated effort to recruit new foster homes for teenagers in the town area. The effort proved to be of little success—only eight foster homes were approved during the year.

Adoption Services

In fiscal 1985/86, one agency adoption application was received, along with six private adoption applications. A moratorium was placed on

infant adoption applications, since the agency had received few infants for this purpose and had some 20 applications to process. Private adoption arrangements were also taken from the adoption worker's caseload and were completed by the three protection workers, after hours. Five of the agency's children were placed for adoption in Yarmouth County.

Services to Unmarried Mothers

The unmarried mothers program had nine new referrals during the year and a total of 18 mothers were counselled. The present caseload has been reduced drastically as a result of changing trends and a different outlook on service by the agency.

Family Counselling Services

Agency staff continued to provide counselling where necessary and, to a large extent, relied on the professional services of the Bertha Churchill Clinic, Yarmouth Hospital, and the services of an area psychologist. During the fiscal year, the board of directors has been a valued asset to the direction and operation of the agency.

Residential Centre

This facility is located in Hebron, Yarmouth County, and has been in operation since 1975, under the direction of the Board of Directors of Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County. The seven counsellors, the housemother, secretary and director of the centre have provided a comprehensive program for 12 children—four girls and eight boys—placed in the centre as a result of emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Digby District Office

G. Greg Wiseman, B.A., B.Sc., District Supervisor

The Digby District Office is located on Warwick Street in the Town of Digby and serves the entire population of Digby County. It offers programs in English and French.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services is provided on a contractual basis with the three municipal units in the county. The program is administered by two social service workers, one worker being responsible for the Municipality of Digby and the Town of Digby, the second worker providing services to the Municipality of Clare. The program provides financial assistance to individuals determined to be in need. This includes individuals in a community residence program; services to people seeking admission to a Home for Special Care; and, through the In-Home Support Program, assistance to seniors and disabled people who are remaining in their homes through the support they receive from relatives.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance, usually of a prolonged nature, to disabled individuals, disabled fathers with dependent children, mothers with dependent children, aged people, unemployable women and foster parents.

This program is administered by two social service workers. One worker is responsible for services to the Town of Digby and the Municipality of Digby, the other worker serves the residents of the Municipality of Clare, where the worker also completes day-care subsidy applications from parents whose children attend La Garderie Familiale de Clare (Clare Family Day Care).

The workers in this program process and handle all home-improvement loan requests from program recipients and process applications for the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs. Since the proclamation of the Adult Protection Act on January 6, 1986, these workers have performed as agents of the Minister in investigating reports of adult abuse and neglect.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services (which includes the single-parent program) are provided by two social service workers from the Western Regional Office in Yarmouth. These workers are in the Digby Office one day per week.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers provide support and help to elderly and disabled citizens and teach and practice homemaking skills with multiproblem families. The homemakers supervised by the Digby office's Young Offenders Services worker are employees of the municipalities they serve. Two serve the Town of Digby, four serve the Municipality of Digby, and four serve the Municipality of Clare.

Family and Children's Services

This program involves supervising and providing services to children in care and custody, foster home recruitment, child protection and family support services, counselling to unmarried mothers and single parents, adoptions and the preparation of custody reports for the Family Court. The program's workers are also instrumental in arranging for needy children from the area to attend the Department's summer Camp Hilles at Paradise, Annapolis County. One of the workers conducts reviews for the purpose of licensing the five day-care centres throughout the county.

Family Court, Digby

Family Court is held in Digby on Tuesday of each week. Youth Court is held in Digby on the second Tuesday of each month. Young Offenders Services for Digby and Annapolis counties is administered by a social service worker who provides services to youths who appear before the Family Court under the Young Offenders Act, the Education Act, and the Summary Proceedings Act.

Shelburne District Office, Barrington

Raymond G. Harris, District Supervisor

The Shelburne District Office is a joint services office, serving both the Department of Social Services and the Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County. Joint services is an arrangement between the Department of Social Services and an agency under which the two offices share the same physical building and the same administration.

Family Benefits Program

This program provides benefits under the Family Benefits Act to approximately 400 recipients. Two social service workers are responsible for the day-to-day direction of the Family Benefits caseload.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided in four of the five municipal units giving care to the aged, the ill and families experiencing difficulty with management and child care. The present caseload is 85.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation services are offered to disabled individuals. The focus of this program is on training or retraining individuals to their maximum potential with the anticipation that they will become gainfully employed. The present caseload is 27.

Day Care Services

Day care investigations and assessments are carried out for the 10 subsidized seats in the county. A new private day care has recently been licensed in the county, providing day care for an additional 23 children.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services is provided on a contractual basis with the five municipal units in the county. The program provides short-term financial assistance to people in need, and services to people requesting admittance to one of the four registered Homes for Special Care in the county. The General Assistance caseload averages 38, and Homes for Special Care averages 155. The In-Home Support Program is available in one municipal unit.

Outreach

Our office is represented with one staff member on the outreach committee for the county. This committee is interested in services

for the elderly in Shelburne County. The program of Meals on Wheels has been initiated, and a proposal to develop an educational program to train home health support workers has been submitted to the Nova Scotia Social Services Council for consideration. Other programs in the process of being developed at the present time are a seniors' information line, a legal seminar for seniors, and Tele-Assist.

Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County

Raymond G. Harris, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County provides the following services:

- protection services
- Adoption Services
- foster home care
- unmarried mother services
- foster home evaluation
- family counselling
- family support services, and
- other services such as custody reports for court, out-of-province requests, and services for the mentally handicapped.

The number of children in care has remained fairly constant (see Table 38). Sixteen children were taken into care and ten children were placed in voluntary care during the year. However, we have experienced a marked increase in teenage problems at home and a large number of referrals for behavioural problems.

During the past year, under our protection program, we dealt with 100 cases, 42 of which are kept open as active cases.

Protocols between the educational system, the RCMP and the mental health clinic have been developed over the past year.

The Department of Social Services was fortunate to receive a federal grant to develop a comprehensive approach to the identification and treatment of child sexual abuse. Shelburne County was one of the first counties chosen to commence the project. The goals were to complete a needs assessment, to determine future goals, to define and set priorities, to facilitate meetings and workshops, and to develop a proposal. The response in Shelburne County was very good. An educational day for professionals was held at Roseway Hospital and Shelburne Regional High School and

was attended by teachers; public health, mental health, hospital and Social Services staff; and the police. As a result of the good attendance and input, an ongoing multidisciplinary committee on child sexual abuse for Shelburne County has been organized.

Our family support program has been active in the community and schools with group programs, Systematic Training in Effective Parenting (STEP), STEP-Teen, foster parent training, baby-sitting courses, and school programs. During the past year, our part-time family counsellor has dealt with 39 cases. Statistics reveal that most of the family counsellor's time has been devoted to families with a child causing problems through his or her behaviour and/or parents requiring assistance with parenting skills.

Adoption Studies

First report	15
Second report	2
Supplementary report	8
Protection cases	100
Unmarried mothers	7
Foster home studies	11
Custody reports	4
Referrals to family counsellor	115

Annapolis District Office, Annapolis Royal

Donald Lefurgey, District Supervisor

The Annapolis District Office, located in the Town of Annapolis Royal, operates under a joint service agreement to serve a population of 22,000 in Annapolis County.

Two Family Benefits workers carry a caseload of 605. As well as investigating applications for financial assistance and constantly updating information pertaining to clients, these workers are responsible for the supervision of subsidized day-care centres in the county and the annual review of nursery schools.

The vocational rehabilitation program for Annapolis County, also administered by one of the Family Benefits workers, counselled 27 single parents towards furthering their education and training in preparation for work.

With the inception of adult protection legislation, Family Benefits workers have become involved in this new facet of the Social

Services program, by receiving and investigating referrals of abuse or neglect to those over the age of 16.

Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County

Donald Lefurgey, Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County originated from the Children's Aid Society, which was first established as a private agency in the Town of Annapolis Royal in 1914. The Children's Aid Society was completely independent of government financial assistance until 1941, when the need and importance of its services prompted government to become involved. The agency now receives 90% of its funding from municipal units and the provincial government. Because of this increased financial input, the agency is now responsible to the Department of Social Services.

Over the course of 70 years, many changes in the program have been witnessed. Probably the most noticeable is in the number of children in care and custody, which has decreased from a high of 168 in 1970 to only 53 in March 1986. This is in part a result of the voluntary care program, which allows a child to come into temporary care without a court procedure.

Protection Services

During the past fiscal year, the agency received 125 referrals concerning the neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse of children. The greatest increase in referrals this past year has been in the area of sexual abuse. Of these 125, only 4 resulted in apprehension, while 27 were received into voluntary care.

Children in Care and Custody

As indicated earlier, the agency ended the fiscal year with 53 children in care and custody. Six children came into care through the court process during the year, while nine had their wardship terminated. Six planned life agreements were signed; these provide long-term commitments between foster parents and their foster children. More than half of the children in the care and custody of Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County are 16 years old or older.

Hence, much time is required to help these children develop the necessary skills for independent living.

Adoption Services

The adoption program has slowed down steadily over the past few years because of a shortage of infants available for adoption. This decrease has necessitated a moratorium on adoption applications, as it has been difficult to accommodate those already on the waiting list.

Unmarried Mother Program

The agency helped eight unmarried mothers during the year. The trend for unmarried mothers referred to the agency to attempt, with the help of family, friends and other community resources, to care for their children themselves continued. The unmarried mother worker counsels mothers with respect to financial assistance programs, accommodations, mental health services and services provided by the agency itself.

Foster Homes

Acquiring good foster homes for teens continues to be an ongoing problem. During 1985-86, 32 applications for foster children were received, most from families wanting younger children. This service requires the full-time attention of a worker; however, increased protection caseloads and the necessary shifting of priorities has put most of the foster home assessments on the back burner for the time being.

Family and Marriage Counselling

During the past year, 25 new referrals were made to the family and marriage counsellor. Because this position is only half-time, the number of families being served has been consciously restricted in an attempt to provide a more effective and efficient service. The marriage counsellor has assisted with the formation of Sexual Abuse Survivors Anonymous (SASA), a self-help group for adult female survivors of childhood sexual abuse. This group is growing and promises to be most helpful in providing support to its members.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services continues to grow in popularity, particularly among the seniors of Annapolis County. This was the first full year for the Home Handy Person Program, a service which provides basic home repairs for seniors and disabled citizens. Both the homemakers and the home handy person have been instrumental in helping the seniors and disabled to remain in their own homes for longer periods of time. Financial restraints have forced Homemakers Services to hold a tight rein on expansion, although there is an obvious need in the community.

Public Relations

More and more the staff of Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County is called upon to make presentations to organizations and schools. Several requests for public-speaking engagements have been responded to throughout the year, and the agency considers education of the public to be a very important part of its service to the community.

Staff Training and Development Services

The Staff Training and Development Services Section designs, arranges and delivers inservice training programs for management, Social Services personnel and support staff working in 19 field offices, 7 institutions, 7 Family Court locations, as well as for staff working in other related social services agencies and facilities throughout the province.

Training programs are planned in consultation with the various program divisions of the Department. These programs are designed with both practical and theoretical input to help staff to integrate theory with practice, to think with increasing precision and to improve performance. In this way, staff become aware of new methods and techniques for helping the clients they serve.

During 1985-86, over 17 inservice seminars, workshops and short courses were offered to staff working in regional and district offices, institutions and private agencies. These include: (1) computers and office-automation training for staff at the Head Office, (2) supervisory training for assistant superintendants and

senior counsellors in the Children's Training Centres, (3) alcohol and drug education for staff at the Shelburne Youth Centre, (4) workshops for senior staff in Group Homes and developmental residences on supervision and programming, (5) a court workers' course for child welfare staff in district office and family and children's services agencies and (6) training for rehabilitation counsellors on vocational assessment, counselling and job entry.

The training section manages an audio-visual library containing over 300 films, videotapes and slide programs which are distributed to provincial agencies and institutions for inservice training and public education purposes. Training programs continue to be arranged to keep staff current on changes in legislation, policies and programs.

Table 36

Regional and District Offices and the Family Court

By County

CAPE BRETON REGION	— Cape Breton, Richmond, Victoria and Inverness counties
Regional Office	— Sydney
District Office	— Port Hawkesbury
Sub-Offices	— New Waterford — Sydney Mines — Whitney Pier
Family Court	— Sydney (serving the Cape Breton Region)
NORTH SHORE REGION	— Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, Colchester and Cumberland counties
Regional Office	— New Glasgow
District Offices	— Amherst, Antigonish, Truro, Guysborough
Sub-Office	— Springhill
Family Courts	— New Glasgow (serving the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou and Colchester)
	— Amherst (serving the County of Cumberland)
HALIFAX REGION	— Halifax County
Regional Office	— Halifax
District Offices	— Dartmouth, Sackville
Family Courts	— Halifax (serving the City of Halifax and part of Halifax County)
	— Dartmouth (serving the City of Dartmouth and part of Halifax County)
CENTRAL REGION	— Lunenburg, Queens, Hants and Kings counties
Regional Office	— Kentville
District Offices	— Bridgewater, Liverpool, Windsor
Family Court	— Kentville (serving the Central Region)
WESTERN REGION	— Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties
Regional Office	— Yarmouth
District Offices	— Barrington, Digby, Annapolis Royal
Family Court	— Yarmouth (serving the Western Region)

Table 37

Personnel in the Five Regions

	Cape Breton	Central	Halifax	North Shore	Western	Total
Regional Administrator	1	1	1	1	1	5
Assistant Regional Administrator	1		—	—	1	2
District Supervisor	1	-	3	4	3	13
Casework Supervisor	2	2	4	1	1	10
Supervisor of Family Benefits Program	1	—	1	—	—	2
Supervisor of the Family Court	1	—	1	—	—	2
Senior Family Court Officer	1	—	2	—	—	3
Field Staff	35	17	65	33	22	172
Clerical Staff	19	10	34	18	10	92
Total Field Staff						301

Table 38

Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County
Children in Care

March 31, 1986

By Sex	
Male	22
Female	34
By Age	
0-4	0
5-9	12
10-14	19
15+	25
By Location	
Foster homes	37
Independent living/boarding home	—
Adoption probation homes	1
Residential centres	1
Child caring institutions	—
Shelburne Youth Centre	1
N.S.Y.T.C./C.T.C.	4
With natural parents	2
Self-supporting	—
S.O.S. Children's Village	6
N.S. Home for Coloured Children	4
Total	56

Social Services

Financial Services Division

Arnold R. Jones, Director

Fiscal Planning and Control

Clem Hennebury, B.Comm., Co-ordinator

The Co-ordinator is responsible for preparing the departmental budget and supervising its control on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Over recent years budget preparation has become more complex; as a result, the Co-ordinator is responsible for training the line managers on all aspects of budget preparation and control.

Data Verification and Accounting

Roger Angevine, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for developing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures for the entire Department, and for maintaining a constant review of the Financial Services Division's computer programs to ensure that the most current and accurate expenditure information is available to senior management and the budget subject managers.

Claims, Contracts and Data Processing

George Collier, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for preparing all claims for cost-sharing with the Government of Canada. This section is also responsible for the data entry of all expenditure and recovery items to the Financial Services Computer System, and for the production of all monthly and special financial reports.

Administrative Services

Roger Whitman, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for account and bank reconciliations, purchasing, inventory, equipment maintenance, incoming and outgoing mail, and the financial aspects of the three programs for senior citizens.

Financial Co-ordinator, Homes for Special Care

Peter Barteaux, Co-ordinator

The Co-ordinator is responsible for the financial analysis necessary to establish a reasonable sharable per diem rate for all Homes for Special Care. At present there are over 220 such homes.

Mr. George Williams, photocopy services

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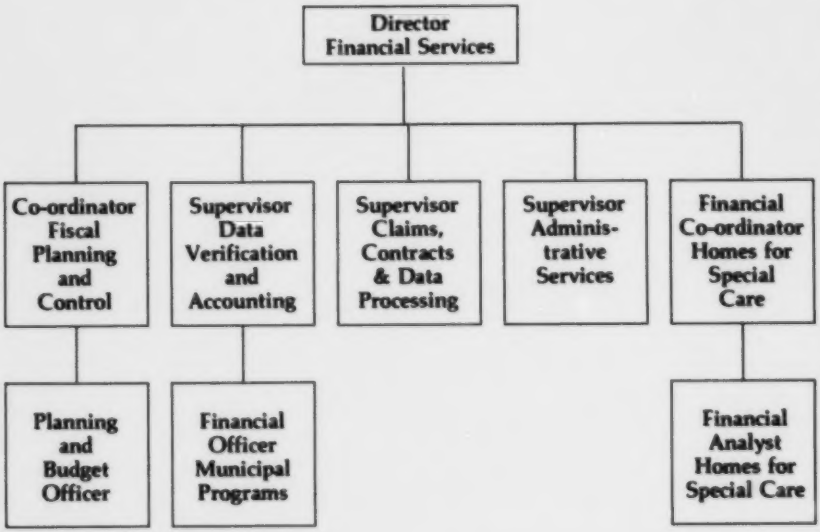

Director
Financial Services
Co-ordinator Fiscal Planning and Control
Supervisor Data Verification and Accounting
Supervisor Claims, Contracts & Data Processing
Supervisor Adminis-trative Services
Financial Co-ordinator Homes for Special Care
Planning and Budget Officer
Financial Officer Municipal Programs
Financial Analyst Homes for Special Care

The Financial Services Division provides the financial support services for the entire Department.

Financial Expenditures and Estimates

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
Administration		
HEAD OFFICE		
Senior Management	482,309.55	494,800
Senior Citizens Secretariat	126,106.67	176,900
Family Court — Judicial	868,140.26	982,000
Direct Grants	1,257,123.44	1,793,200
Audit Services	286,907.55	292,800
Financial Services	1,514,431.19	1,526,900
Appeal Services	155,746.85	169,900
Staff Training	48,463.75	88,500
Total	4,739,229.26	5,525,000
FIELD SERVICES — HEAD OFFICE		
Administration	229,959.37	224,900
Psychological Services	127,390.56	174,200
Total	357,349.93	399,100
FIELD SERVICES — CAPE BRETON REGION		
Administration	290,436.20	282,800
Rehabilitation Services	136,346.59	172,200
Services for the Mentally Handicapped	38,018.28	40,400
Family Benefits	728,707.82	710,700
Community Services	102,700.87	119,600
Municipal Contracts	119,198.48	119,900
Family Court Services	625,496.13	715,600
Total	2,040,904.37	2,161,200
FIELD SERVICES — NORTH SHORE REGION		
Administration	434,990.27	487,200
Rehabilitation Services	106,641.10	128,700
Services for the Mentally Handicapped	34,029.43	37,100
Family Benefits	328,953.04	347,600
Community Services	42,471.61	44,600
Municipal Contracts	252,275.55	249,000
Family Court Services	445,582.63	517,000
Children's Services	208,297.43	174,200
Total	1,853,241.06	1,985,400

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
FIELD SERVICES — HALIFAX REGION		
Administration	480,933.09	417,000
Rehabilitation Services	245,471.15	216,000
Family Benefits	767,391.04	735,400
Community Services	33,117.79	33,200
Municipal Contracts	118,699.19	—
Family Court Services	950,850.79	951,700
Children's Services	925,362.66	1,024,400
Day Care Services	59,545.31	62,400
Total	3,581,371.02	3,440,100
FIELD SERVICES — CENTRAL REGION		
Administration	337,068.03	389,900
Rehabilitation Services	100,825.67	130,000
Family Benefits	219,534.85	304,800
Municipal Contracts	176,634.56	310,000
Family Court Services	314,748.89	398,900
Total	1,148,812.00	1,533,600
FIELD SERVICES — WESTERN REGION		
Administration	341,724.59	393,000
Rehabilitation Services	62,598.85	65,300
Family Benefits	259,681.80	270,500
Municipal Contracts	250,317.28	263,500
Family Court Services	192,977.58	223,400
Children's Services	118,023.19	117,900
Total	1,225,323.29	1,333,600
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	14,946,230.93	16,378,000

Family and Children's Services

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
Administration	485,514.05	529,300
Maintenance — Foster Homes	3,441,657.09	3,865,300
Maintenance — Community Residential Facilities	2,154,383.93	2,263,700
Apprehension Costs	393,622.82	252,600
Voluntary Care	637,485.46	605,100
Payments to Children's Service Agencies	5,219,382.04	5,276,300
Payments to Private Agencies for Unmarried Mothers	268,485.00	274,500
Grant — Family Counselling Services	597,348.00	—
Payments to Transition and Safe Houses	—	765,600
Total	13,197,878.39	13,832,400
NOVA SCOTIA RESIDENTIAL CENTRE		
Administration	270,083.43	291,200
Operating & Maintenance	219,263.46	318,600
Academic, Vocational & Social Services	248,555.64	319,600
Daily Living Programs	527,800.80	562,700
Total	1,265,703.33	1,492,100
DAY CARE SERVICES		
Administration	241,418.05	275,000
Payments to Child Development Centres	183,040.51	178,700
Day Care Subsidy	5,262,157.53	5,497,400
Total	5,686,616.09	5,951,100
HOMEMAKERS SERVICES		
Administration	67,712.01	68,000
Homemakers Subsidy	2,775,689.21	2,900,000
Total	2,843,401.22	2,968,000
TOTAL FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES	22,993,599.03	24,243,600

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
Rehabilitation and Community Services		
SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED		
Administration	504,339.52	546,000
Maintenance of Children in Foster Homes	111,371.19	159,200
Maintenance of Children in Nursing Homes	75,165.51	59,700
Adult Protection Services	14,960.25	158,400
Total	705,836.47	923,300
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Administration	128,124.14	136,900
Summer Programs	443,602.14	445,100
Total	571,726.28	582,000
REHABILITATION SERVICES		
Administration	231,801.06	259,400
Payments to Rehabilitation Workshops	2,458,227.55	2,392,900
Payments to Work Activity Projects	1,062,964.00	1,244,800
Total	3,752,992.61	3,897,100
NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE		
Administration	636,393.22	676,500
Operating and Maintenance	758,264.35	778,400
Daily Living Program	1,628,147.68	1,610,900
Academic, Vocational & Social Services	649,453.90	709,600
Total	3,672,259.15	3,775,400
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DARTMOUTH		
Administration	232,880.14	252,700
Daily Living Programs	558,207.68	555,700
Operating and Maintenance	269,432.63	285,100
Total	1,060,520.45	1,093,500

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DIGBY		
Administration	197,536.73	224,200
Daily Living Programs	512,786.99	517,600
Operating and Maintenance	245,641.28	262,400
Total	955,965.00	1,004,200
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — PICTOU		
Administration	238,578.43	252,600
Daily Living Programs	484,309.64	474,900
Operating and Maintenance	274,076.26	275,300
Total	996,964.33	1,002,800
CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — SYDNEY		
Administration	221,706.45	227,900
Daily Living Programs	537,679.37	659,200
Operating and Maintenance	258,029.14	251,600
Total	1,017,414.96	1,138,700
TOTAL REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	12,733,679.25	13,417,000

Young Offenders Administration

YOUNG OFFENDERS PROGRAMS		
Administration	369,137.16	610,100
Maintenance of Children	365,741.95	1,048,500
Total	734,879.11	1,658,600
SHELBURNE YOUTH CENTRE		
Administration	663,236.50	743,300
Operating and Maintenance	672,533.68	758,500
Academic, Vocational and Social Services	566,694.62	581,100
Daily Living Programs	1,115,765.08	1,136,200
Total	3,018,229.88	3,219,100
TOTAL YOUNG OFFENDERS ADMINISTRATION	3,753,108.99	4,877,700

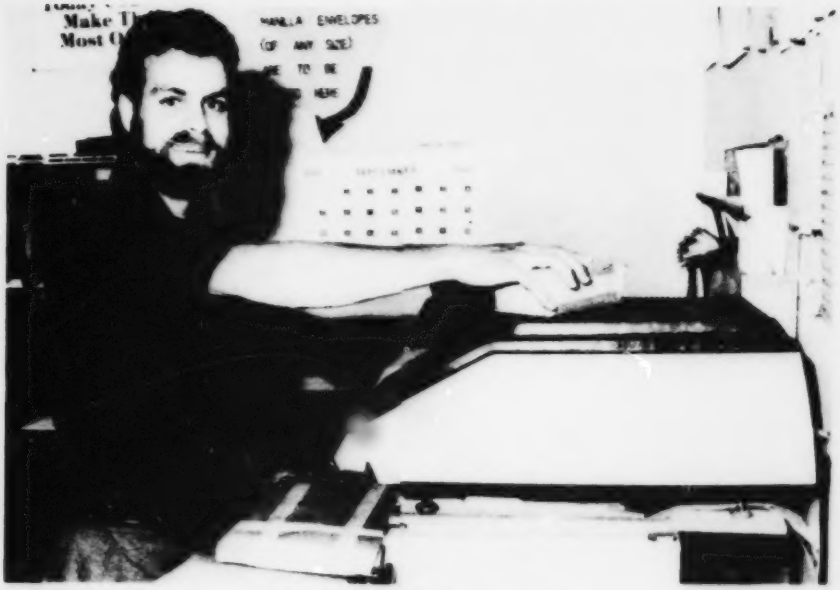
Public Assistance

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES		
Administration	452,106.93	494,000
Payments for General Assistance	27,674,136.17	28,184,400
Payments for Residential Care Facilities	1,654,710.68	1,650,800
Payments for Nursing Homes	9,547,179.57	9,601,600
Payments for Homes for the Aged	18,879,594.60	18,898,800
Payments for Group Homes and Developmental Residences	2,153,186.35	1,969,800
Payments for Adult Residential Centres	7,185,022.70	7,220,900
Payments for Regional Rehabilitation Centres	13,037,882.26	13,299,800
Construction Assistance — Homes for Special Care	59,375.00	—
Payments for Municipal Administration	5,554,976.99	5,840,900
Payments for Civil/Family Legal Aid	865,135.46	934,900
Total	87,063,306.71	88,095,900
FAMILY BENEFITS		
Administration	475,919.87	528,300
Family Benefits Review Board	59,081.32	71,300
Family Benefits Payments	112,111,245.10	119,195,700
Diabetic Assistance	230,397.00	234,600
Pharmacare Program	6,002,653.00	6,099,500
Total	118,879,296.29	126,129,400
SENIOR CITIZENS FINANCIAL AID		
Administration	277,425.24	271,100
Rental Assistance for Senior Citizens	1,026,676.18	1,201,300
Property Tax Rebate for Senior Citizens	3,001,009.35	3,109,600
Special Social Assistance Payments	10,471,064.00	10,568,800
Total	14,776,174.77	15,150,800
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	220,718,777.77	229,376,100

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
Other Social Services		
POLICY, PLANNING AND RESEARCH		
Administration	368,505.53	363,300
Research Projects	11,500.00	174,000
Total	380,005.53	537,300
DATA PROCESSING SERVICES		
Administration	322,247.89	666,000
Data Processing	1,411,857.91	1,840,000
Total	1,734,105.80	2,506,000
SOCIAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM	76,343.71	55,300
INDIAN AFFAIRS	62,754.17	63,900
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES — DESIGN	969,807.82	1,011,000
NOVA SCOTIA SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL	25,299.43	25,900
NOVA SCOTIA SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION	24,424.88	31,300
TOTAL OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	3,272,741.34	4,230,700
Total Department	278,418,137.31	292,523,100

Ordinary Recovery Detail

	Actual Expenditures 1985-86	Approved Estimate 1986-87
ADMINISTRATION		
Government of Canada	5,709,703.14	5,908,400
Municipalities	189,293.94	233,400
Other	280,378.00	272,900
Total	6,179,375.08	6,414,700
FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
Government of Canada	12,167,840.91	13,312,900
Municipalities	341,507.33	485,000
Other Provinces	2,013.23	50,600
Other	7,869.31	5,500
Total	12,519,230.78	13,854,000
REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Government of Canada	6,798,406.48	7,095,200
Municipalities	—	120,000
Total	6,798,406.48	7,215,200
YOUNG OFFENDERS ADMINISTRATION		
Government of Canada	1,625,201.97	2,684,900
Other Provinces	364,699.46	—
Municipalities	13,853.09	30,000
Total	2,003,754.52	2,714,900
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		
Government of Canada	85,828,467.07	92,366,100
OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES		
Government of Canada	1,620,314.37	2,517,000
TOTAL ORDINARY RECOVERIES	114,949,548.30	125,081,900



Mr. Don Johnson, mail and supplies services

Social Services

Audit Services Division

G.W. Hudson, C.A., C.I.S.A., B.B.A., Director

The Audit Services Division is responsible for providing assistance to departmental personnel to ensure that public funds are expended with due regard to economy and efficiency. This responsibility is discharged by applying traditional auditing techniques to the accounting and operating records generated by departmental personnel and preparing reports to the responsible managers and the Deputy Minister with findings and recommendations. These auditing techniques are also used to determine whether or not funds provided to other agencies, Homes for Special Care and municipal units are in accordance with applicable legislation and agreements; reports arising from these audits are also provided to responsible program personnel and the Deputy Minister. The Division conducts audits at Head Office and at field and agency offices throughout the province. Five auditors and one support person help the Supervisor and Director of the Audit Services Division to complete these audits.

During fiscal 1985/86, the Division issued over 230 audit reports covering the gamut of departmental programs. Included were audits of the 13 children's aid societies and family and children's service agencies; again this year, these audits consumed more than normal time with respect to implementation of comprehensive audit programs and the preparation of revised financial statements. These financial statements allowed objective comparison of the financial

operations of the agencies with each other and therefore greatly enhanced the analytical component of the comprehensive audit.

The past fiscal year was also marked by a relatively large allocation of audit effort to the Work Activity Projects. Each of the three Work Activity audits was increased significantly over prior years. This was particularly true in the case of the Halifax agency. The results accruing from this increased effort are expected to be seen in improved services and control systems.

The Supervisor of Audit Services is one of two departmental representatives on the board of the Preston Area Housing Fund. Administative difficulties encountered by the fund were in part resolved by the direct involvement of the Supervisor of Audit Services in the financial administration of the fund.

A statistical summary of the audit reports produced in fiscal 1985/86 follows:

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Seniors Programs	3
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Other	11
Total	235

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Social Services

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Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0

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President	Rev. Robert Matthews

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Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond

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Executive Director	Cyril Reddy
President	Dr. Bill Tidmarsh

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P.O. Box 1360
Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0

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Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0

Executive Director	Raymond G. Harris
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Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County

P.O. Box 460
Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B4

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President	Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell

Municipal Social Service Workers

(*Municipal units that do not have an office or a full-time social service worker and in which the provincial government does not share administrative costs but does share assistant costs at the rate of 66 2/3%.)

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Towns

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Shelburne	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
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Municipalities

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Yarmouth County	Douglas Raymond Regional Administrator	Western Regional Office P.O. Box 460 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B4

Homes for Special Care

Residential Care Facilities

Annapolis County	*capacity*		*capacity*
Nightingale Rest Home Mrs. Margaret Gallant P.O. Box 77 Granville Ferry, N.S. B0S 1K0	9	Grace Haven Mrs. Eileen Frost R.R. #4, Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0	15
The Willows Mrs. P Bathurst R.R. #1, Wilmot, N.S. B0P 1W0	7	Saunders Rest Home Mrs. James Saunders P.O. Box 114 Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0	8
Toole's Rest Home Mrs. Paul Toole R.R. #1, Wilmot, N.S. B0P 1W0	6		

Antigonish County

Highland Crest Home — 40
Mrs. Martha MacNeil
44 Hillcrest Street
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B2G 2B5

Cape Breton Island

Cameron House — 12
Mrs. Dewey Cameron
St. George's Channel
R.R. #2, West Bay
Richmond Co., N.S.
B0E 3K0

Elizabeth House — 11
Mr. G. McNeil
93 Byng Avenue
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 5C1

Victoria Haven — 20
Mr. W. MacLeod
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Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 4Y7

Heritage House — 7
Mr. & Mrs. E. Robertson
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B0E 2W0

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B2A 1A3

Terrace Manor — 21
Mrs. John MacAulay
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Glace Bay, N.S.
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Midtown Villa — 15
Mrs. E. Blanchard
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New Waterford, N.S.
B1H 1Z5

Mayfair Guest Home — 10
Mrs. Dorothy Dunphy
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Sydney, N.S.
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MacLeod's Boarding Home — 6
Miss Jean MacLeod
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Donkin, N.S.
B0A 1G0

Jones Rest Home — 7
Mrs. Jeanette Jones
1 Minto Street
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B1A 5B2

MacNabb's Boarding Home — 5
Mrs. Agnes MacNabb
35 Commercial Street
Dominion, N.S.
B0A 1E0

New Dawn Guest Home — 27
Mrs. Anne Kennedy
141 Dominion Street
P.O. Box 1055
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 6H7

Robertson House — 9
Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Robertson
P.O. Box 83
Margaree Valley, N.S.
B0E 2C0

Corinthian House — 7
Mr. Tom Gunn
R.R. #1, Orangedale
Inverness Co., N.S.
B0E 2K0

Colchester County

Townsview Estates — 78
Mr. C. Dale
P.O. Box 1825
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5Z5

MacNeil's Rest Home — 13
Mrs. John MacNeil
Great Village, N.S.
B0M 1L0

Riverside Rest Home — 10
Ms. Eileen Spence
Stewiacke, N.S.
B0N 2J0

Karlaine Place — 8
Mrs. Bernice Barnhill
P.O. Box 691
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5E5

Cunningham's Rest Home — 17
Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham
P.O. Box 1145
Blair Avenue
Tatamagouche, N.S.
B0K 1V0

Westside Villa — 26
Mr. C. Dale
421 Prince Street
Truro, N.S.
B2N 1E6

Cumberland County

Sunrise Villa — 20
Mrs. Jean Beaton
West Pugwash, N.S.
B0K 1L0

Church Street Manor — 9
Ms. Denise Gabriel
52 Church Street
Springhill, N.S.
B0M 1X0

Shady Rest Estates — 24
Mr. Michael Dale
P.O. Box 40
Oxford, N.S.
B0M 1P0

Hyland Rest Homes Ltd. — 39
Mrs. Shirley Forbes
P.O. Box 487
Parrsboro, N.S.
B0M 1S0

Wood's Rest Home — 29
Mr. & Mrs. N. Wood
P.O. Box 181, Water St.
Oxford, N.S.
B0M 1P0

Advocate Manor — 22
Mrs. Georgia Lent
Water Street
Advocate, N.S.
B0M 1A0

Digby County

Sissiboo Rest Home — 11
Mrs. Sandra Duran
Sissiboo Road, R.R. #4
Weymouth Mills, N.S.
B0W 3T0

La Maison au Coucher du Soleil — 22
Mrs. Blanche Gaudet
Saulnierville, N.S.
B0W 2Z0

Halifax City and County

Eastern Shore Guest Home 12
Miss Glenda Armsworthy Wilson
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
B0J 2L0

Nantucket Hall Ltd. 28
Mrs. Marlene Webber
10 Fairbanks Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B3A 1B7

Southwood Villa 22
Mrs. D. Morgan-Downie
153 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3P8

Woodside Manor 29
Mrs. B.J. Robb
351 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3S4

Blue Dolphin Foster Villa 10
Mr. Allan James
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
B0J 2L0

Freeman's Rest Home 9
Mrs. Daisy Freeman
Lucasville Road
P.O. Box 233
Lower Sackville, N.S.
B3J 2R7

Lynden Rest Home 17
Mrs. D. Morgan-Downie
6117 Jubilee Road
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 2E8

Twin Maples Villa 18
Mrs. Phyllis Hardy
349 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3S4

Haven Manor 15
Ms. Hilda Stevens
6411 Coburg Road
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 2A6

Harbour Glen Manor Ltd. 17
Deborah Morgan-Downey
229 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3R5

Hilltop Villa 9
Mr. C. Dorey
200 Main Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2X 1S3

Hants County

Avonview Rest Home 16
Mr. & Mrs. James Walsh
Nunn Road
Summerville, N.S.
B0N 2K0

White's Rest Home 6
Mrs. H. White
R.R. #2, Kennetcook, N.S.
B0N 1P0

Bennett's Rest Home 6
Mrs. Claire Bennett
P.O. Box 37
Shubenacadie, N.S.
B0N 2H0

Kings County

Seyforth's Boarding Home
Mrs. Barbara Seyforth
R.R. #1, Berwick
(Morristown), N.S.
B0P 1E0
30

Hirtle's Rest Home
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hirtle
255 Commercial Street
Berwick, N.S.
B0P 1E0
16

Parker's Rest Home
Mrs. Irma Parker
P.O. Box 250
Aylesford, N.S.
B0P 1C0
26

Wolfville Elms
Mrs. Diana J. MacDonald
413 Main Street
P.O. Box 16
Wolfville, N.S.
B0P 1X0
18

Eldridge's Rest Home
Mrs. Judy Eldridge
R.R. #1, Berwick, N.S.
B0P 1E0
15

Seyforth's Rest Home
Mrs. Barbara Seyforth
P.O. Box 129
120 Foster Street
Berwick, N.S.
B0P 1E0
26

Lunenburg County

Pleasant Rest Home
Mr. David Walker
45 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, N.S.
B4V 1M9
17

Lohne's Rest Home
Mrs. Rita Lohnes
R.R. #1, Barss Corner, N.S.
B0R 1A0
9

Pictou County

Sunset Haven Home
Mrs. Rita MacIsaac
253 Forbes Street
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 4P5
27

Shady Oaks Rest Home
Mr. Larry Brezenski
R.R. #2, Union Centre
Westville, N.S.
B0K 2A0
12

Queens County

Hillsview Acres
Mr. Raymond Fiske
Middlefield, N.S.
B0T 1K0
32

Shelburne County

Harbour View Rest Home
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Holmes
Crest Street
P.O. Box 11
Lockeport, N.S.
B0T 1L0
12

Group Homes & Developmental Residences

Antigonish County

L'Arche Group Home — 6
Ms. Judy O'Donnell
69 St. Ninian Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 1Y7

Cape Breton Island

Developmental Residence — 7
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
Mr. Mike Walsh
880 George St.
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 1M1

MacDonald Hall Group Home — 13
Mr. D. MacIvor
P.O. Box 220
Inverness, N.S.
B0E 1N0

Clyde Ave. Developmental Residence — 7
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
Mr. Mike Walsh
11 Clyde Avenue
Sydney Mines, N.S.
B1V 2E3

Union Street Group Home — 9
Ms. Margaret Turnbull
30 Union Street
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 4X5

70 George St. Group Home — 10
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
Mr. Mike Walsh
70 George Street
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 1H7

Chemoi Group Home — 8
Mr. Stan Larade
P.O. Box 366
Cheticamp, N.S.
B0E 1H0

Colchester County

McCully House Group Home — 8
Ms. Lillian DeCoste
82 Lorne Street
Truro, N.S.
B2N 3K3

Cumberland County

Amherst Group Home — 8
Mr. Ed Thibodeau
1 Rupert Street
Amherst, N.S.
B4H 3R2

Halifax County

Abbott Drive Developmental Residence
Ms. Bev Wicks
7097-7099 Abbott Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 2L5
9

Gottingen Street Group Home
Mr. Bob Tobin
2690 Gottingen Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 3C7
9

Hawthorne St. Group Home
Mr. Bev Wicks
63 Hawthorne Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 2Y7
8

Pleasant Street Developmental Residence
Ms. Bev Wicks
105 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3P7
8

Oxford Street Group Home
Ms. Bev Wicks
1613 Oxford Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 3Z7
12

MacDougall Avenue Developmental Residence
Ms. Bev Wicks
30 MacDougall Drive
Lower Sackville, N.S.
B4C 3E7
7

Victoria Road Group Home
Mr. Bob Tobin
70 Victoria Road
Dartmouth, N.S.
B3A 1T8
10

Basinview Drive Developmental Residence
Ms. Bev Wicks
3838 Basinview Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 5A2
8

Vernon Street Group Home
Ms. Bev Wicks
1648 Vernon Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 3N1
8

Robert Allen Drive Developmental Residence
Ms. Bev Wicks
31 Robert Allen Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3M 3G9
7

Joseph Howe Drive Group Home
Mr. Bob Tobin
3235-3241 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 4A3
8

Home for Independent Living
Mr. Robert Swan
2505 Oxford Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 2T5
6

Hants County

Kings Meadows Group Home
Gary Campbell
R.R. #1
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0
10

Lantz Group Home
Mr. Robin C. Strickland
P.O. Box 175
Lantz, N.S.
B0N 1R0
8

Kings County

Kentville Group Home — 8
Mr. Bob Hartlen
14 Oakdene Terrance
Kentville, N.S.
B4N 2B5

Wolfville Developmental Residence — 11
Mr. Bob Hartlen
462 Main Street
Wolfville, N.S.
B0P 1X0

Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Group Home — 9
Mrs. Carolyn Mossman
58 Alexandra Avenue
Bridgewater, N.S.
B4V 1H1

Bonny Lea Farm — 19
Mrs. Mary Rothman
P.O. Box 560
Chester, N.S.
B0J 1J0

Pictou County

Temperance Street Developmental Residence — 8
Mrs. Linda Olding
304 Temperance Street
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 3B5

Foord Street Group Home — 8
Mrs. Linda Olding
304 Temperance Street
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 3B5

Licensed Nursing Homes

Annapolis Nursing Homes

Stewart's Nursing Home — 14
Mrs. C.A. Stewart
808 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Annapolis Royal Nursing Home — 44
Mrs. Florence Wolfe
St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Cape Breton Island

Spring Garden Villa — 264
Mrs. K. Wrathell
70 St. Anthony's Drive
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 2R5

MacGillivray Guest Home — 74
Sister Amelia Deveau
25 Xavier Drive
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 2R9

Victoria Haven Nursing Home — 23
Mr. Harold MacLeod
429A Third Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 4G6

St. Anne's Community & Nursing Care Centre — 24
Mrs. Myrtle Boudreau
P.O. Box 128
Arichat, N.S.
B0E 1A0

Colchester County

Glenview Lodge 47
Mr. Charles Dale
East Prince Street
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5B2

Hillcrest Manors Ltd. 119
Mrs. Carol MacMillan
P.O. Box 1210
Manor Drive
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5H1

Cumberland County

MacAloney's Nursing Home 36
Mr. A.J. MacAloney
17 McFarlane Street
Springhill, N.S.
B0M 1X0

The Gables Lodge Home 95
Mr. & Mrs. Syed Hussain
252 Church Street
Amherst, N.S.
B4H 3B3

Guysborough County

MacKaracher's Nursing Home 30
Mr. & Mrs. L.R. MacKaracher
Sherbrooke, N.S.
B0J 3C0

Halifax City and County

Glades Lodge 123
Mrs. Jan White
25 Alton Drive
Armdale, N.S.
B3N 1M1

Fairview Villa 207
Mr. R. Grabowski
245 Main Avenue
Fairview, N.S.
B3M 1B7

Park Haven Estates 249
Mrs. Susan Reed
126 Purcell's Cove Road
Halifax, N.S.
B3P 1B5

Scotia Nursing Home 45
Mr. Lawrence J. McKenna
Beaverbank, N.S.
B0N 1A0

Colonial Nursing Home 24
Mrs. Deborah Morgan-Downey
1019 Lucknow Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 2T2

Kings County

Wolfville Nursing Home 44
Mrs. Diana J. MacDonald
345 Main Street
Wolfville, N.S.
B0P 1X0

Palmeter's Country Nursing Home 95
Mr. E.G. Griffin
655 Park Street
Kentville, N.S.
B4N 3V7

Lunenburg County

Mahone Nursing Home 35
Mr. W. Currie
P.O. Box 320
Mahone Bay, N.S.
B0J 2E0

Queens County

North Queens Nursing Home 42
Mrs. Jean Fancy
P.O. Box 181
Caledonia, N.S.
B0T 1B0

Shelburne County

Surf Lodge Nursing Home 26
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Holmes
P.O. Box 160
Lockeport, N.S.
B0T 1L0

Yarmouth County

Villa St. Joseph du Lac 79
Sister Estelle Arsenault
RR #1
P.O. Box 810, Lakeside
Yarmouth, N.S.
B5A 4A5

Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged

Annapolis County

Mountain Lea Lodge 106
Mr. Larry Masters
RR #1, Church Street
Bridgetown, N.S.
B0S 1C0

Antigonish County

R.K. MacDonald Guest Home 106
Rose Evelyn Lindsay
64 Pleasant Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 1W7

Cape Breton Island

Alderwood Home for the Aged — 69
Mrs. Marcella Roberts
P.O. Box 218
Baddeck, N.S.
B0E 1B0

Inverary Manor — 60
Mr. Peter D. Roney
Box 460, Maple Street
Inverness, N.S.
B0E 1N0

Foyer Pere Fiset — 60
Mrs. Lorraine Aucoin
Cheticamp, N.S.
B0E 1H0

Seaview Manor — 101
Mr. Dan Munroe
272 South Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 1W6

Richmond Villa — 75
Miss Isabelle Johnston
P.O. Box 250
St. Peter's, N.S.
B0E 3B0

Highland Manor — 20
Mrs. Donna Rideout
Neils Harbour, N.S.
B0C 1N0

Cumberland County

East Cumberland Lodge — 65
Ms. Brenda Benjamin
P.O. Box 250
Pugwash, N.S.
B0K 1L0

Digby County

Tideview Terrace — 80
Mr. Russell Stonehouse
P.O. Box 1120
Digby, N.S.
B0V 1A0

Villa Acadienne — 72
Mr. H. Saulnier
P.O. Box 178
Meteghan, N.S.
B0W 2K0

Guysborough County

Hazel Hill Rest Home — 41
Mrs. E. Richard
RR #1, Hazel Hill
Canso, N.S.
B0H 1H0

Halifax County

Ocean View Manor — 182
Mr. John Morrison
Box 130
Eastern Passage
Halifax, N.S.
B0J 1L0

Hants County

Dykeland Lodge — 75
Mr. W. Robert Brooks
Curry's Corner
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0

Kings County

Grand View Manor — 100
Mr. Richard E. Wagner
P.O. Box 309
Berwick, N.S.
B0P 1E0

Lunenburg County

Harbour View Haven — 127
Mr. G.W. Crouse
P.O. Box 1480
Blockhouse Hill Road
Lunenburg, N.S.
B0J 2C0

Pictou County

Edward Mortimer Place — 77
Mr. Ralph Heighton
P.O. Box 250
Haliburton Road
Pictou, N.S.
B0K 1H0

Glen Haven Manor — 212
Mr. J. Ferguson
739 East River Road
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 5E9

Valley View Villa — 96
Mr. David Lank
RR #1, Riverton, N.S.
B0K 2S0

Queens County

Queen's Manor — 60
Mr. B. Selig
P.O. Box 1283, Liverpool
Queen's County, N.S.
B0T 1K0

Shelburne County

Roseway Manor Inc. — 65
Mrs. Joan Lay
Box 518, Sandy Point
Shelburne County, N.S.
B0T 1W0

Privately Operated Homes for the Aged

Cape Breton Island

The Cove
Mr. Alfred Matheson
Kings Road
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 1B9
108

Northside Community
Guest Home
Mrs. L. MacEachern
11 Queen Street
North Sydney, N.S.
B2A 1A2
90

Maple Hill Manor
Mrs. M. Yurczyszyn
700 King Street
New Waterford, N.S.
B1H 3Z5
50

Colchester County

Willow Lodge
Mr. Doug Cunningham
Blair Avenue
Tatamagouche, N.S.
B0K 1V0
51

Halifax County

Northwood Complex
Mr. Lloyd Brown
2650 Gottingen Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 3C6
576

St. Vincent's Guest Home
Mr. Hohn Keohan
2080 Windsor Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 5B1
160

Duncan MacMillan Home
Mrs. L. Seasons
Sheet Harbour, N.S.
B0J 3B0
25

The Birches
Mrs. J. Crowell
Musquodoboit Harbour
Halifax Co., N.S.
B0J 2L0
40

Oakwood Terrace
Mr. W. Clarke
10 Mount Hope Avenue
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 4K1
110

Hants County

Windsor Elms
Mr. Donald Reid
590 King Street
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0
120

Freemason's Home
Mrs. I. Mounce
558 Wentworth St.
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0
60

Lunenburg County

Hillside Pines 50
Mr. Don Roper
77 Exhibition Avenue
Bridgewater, N.S.
B4B 2X6

Rosedale Home 29
Mrs. D. Cahoon
P.O. Box 8
New Germany, N.S.
B0R 1E0

Shoreham Village 82
Mr. A. Wright
P.O. Box 380
Chester, N.S.
B0J 1J0

Pictou County

I.O.O.F. Home 41
Ms. Janet Johnston
P.O. Box 850
Pictou, N.S.
B0K 1H0

Yarmouth County

Tidal View Manor 103
Mr. J.G. McEachern
60 Vancouver Street
Yarmouth, N.S.
B5A 2P5

Specialized Institutional Facilities for the Mentally Handicapped

Adult Residential Centres

Annapolis County

Annapolis Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 53
Mr. Kenneth Young, Administrator
RR #1, Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 70
Miss C. MacIntyre, Administrator
P.O. Box 515
Sydney River, N.S. B1P 6H4

Gardiner Centre (municipally operated) 45
Miss C. MacIntyre, Administrator
P.O. Box 515
Sydney River, N.S. B1P 6H4

Mary's Hill Adult Residential Centre (privately operated) 46
Mrs. Joan MacLellan, Administrator
P.O. Box 50
Mabou, N.S. B0E 1X0

Cumberland County

Sunset Home Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 145
Mr. Denis Brown, Administrator
P.O. Box 130
South Pugwash, N.S. B0K 1L0

Halifax County

Scotia Adult Residential Centre (privately operated) 165
Mr. Lawrence J. McKenna, Adminstrator
Beaverbank, N.S. B0N 1A0

Kings County

Kings County Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 45
Mr. K. Menzies
Waterville, N.S. B0P 1V0

Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Corp. Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 65
Mr. Leslie Mason
RR #3, Dayspring, Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 2W2

Pictou County

Pictou County Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 98
Mrs. Susan Curley, Administrator
RR #1, Stellarton, N.S. B0K 1S0

Shelburne County

Bayside Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 30
Mrs. Joan Crites, Administrator
Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0

Yarmouth County

Harbourside Lodge (privately operated) 64
Mr. J.G. McEachern, Administrator
Vancouver Street
Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2P5

Regional Rehabilitation Centres

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Regional Rehabilitation Centre 60
Miss C. MacIntyre, Administrator
P.O. Box 515
Sydney River, N.S. B1P 6H4

Halifax County

Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre 229
Mrs. J. Calder, Administrator
P.O. Box 1003
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Z7

Kings County

Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre 91
Mr. Keith Menzies, Administrator
Waterville, N.S. B0P 1V0

Children's Facilities

Community Residential Care Facilities

Cape Breton County

C.A.S. of Cape Breton Group Home 5
F.A. "Sandy" Bowes
226 Whitney Avenue
Sydney, N.S. B1P 5A4

Liscombe House (C.A.S. of Cape Breton) 5
F.A. "Sandy" Bowes
84 Charlotte Street
Sydney, N.S. B1P 1B7

Halifax County

Halifax Children's Aid Society — 5
Ms. Marilyn Peers, Executive Director
1751 Oxford Street
Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Z8

YMCA Walnut Street Group Home — 6
Mr. Bill Vangorder
1841 Walnut Street
Halifax, N.S. B3H 3S8

Sister of the Good Shepherd Group Home — 5
Sister Bernadette Collins
5724 South Street
Halifax, N.S. B3H 1S4

Hants County

Family and Children's Services of Hants County — 6
Lubin Bourque
2 Avon Street
Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0

Lunenburg County

Special Foster Home — 5
Mike Johnston
156 York Street
Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1R3

Cumberland County

Ramsay House — 6
Mr. Bob Mullins
151 Victoria Street E.
Amherst, N.S. B4H 1Y2

Children's Residential Centres

Boys' Residential Centres — 11
Mr. Frank Capstick
680 King Street
New Waterford, N.S. B1H 3Z3

Nova Scotia Residential Centre — 48
Mr. Bill MacLeod
P.O. Box 826
Truro, N.S. B2N 5G6

Residential Centre, Halifax 11
Sister Bernadette Collins
1172 South Park Street
Halifax, N.S. B3H 2W8

Residential Centre, Hebron 12
Mr. Brian Amirault
P.O. Box 95
Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N.S. B0W 1X0

Child Caring Facilities

Cape Breton County

Bairncroft 15
Ms. Joan Ingall, Superintendent
1612 Kings Road
Sydney, N.S. B1S 1E5
Phone 562-4284

Salvation Army Parkdale House 15
Major Alma King, Superintendent
47 Byng Avenue
Sydney, N.S. B1P 5B9
Phone 562-5827

Annapolis County

S.O.S. Children's Village 7
Mr. Jack Beaudin
Nova Scotia-Canada Society
Margaretsville, N.S. B0S 1N0

Halifax County

Hawthorne House 8
131 Prince Albert Road
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 1M5

Independence Home, Halifax Region 4
Linden Lea Court
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 2E2

Johnson House 8
518 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 1A4

Jubien House 8
233 Purcell's Cove Road
Halifax, N.S. B3P 1B9

Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children — 32
1018 Main Street
Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4X9

Children's Training Centres

Children's Training Centre — 40
Janet Bray
270 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3S3

Children's Training Centre — 40
Mr. Ray Francis
P.O. Box 970
Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0

Children's Training Centre — 40
Mrs. Nina Clarke
P.O. Box 880
Pictou, N.S. B0K 1A0

Children's Training Centre — 40
Mr. George Kingham
P.O. Box 69
Sydney, N.S. B1V 2Y4

Youth Training Centre

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre — 198
Mr. John Walker, Superintendent
P.O. Box 460
Truro, N.S. B2N 5C7

Custody Facility—Young Offenders Act

Shelburne Youth Centre — 150
Mr. Heikki Muinonen, Superintendent
P.O. Box 400
Shelburne, N.S. B0T 1W0
Phone 875-3191

Specialized Nursing Care Facility for Children

Palmeter's Country Nursing Home — 27
Children's Unit
Mr. E.G. Griffin
655 Park Street
Kentville, N.S. B4N 3V7

Private Child-Caring Institutions

Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children — 32
Mr. Wilfred Jackson, Executive Director
1018 Main Street
Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4X9
Phone 434-0674

Home of the Guardian Angel — 8
Sister M.J. Burns, Superintendent
6345 Coburg Road
Halifax, N.S. B3H 2A4
Phone 422-7964

Salvation Army Bethany House — 9
Captain Gloria Bourden
980 Tower Road
Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Y4
Phone 422-5900

Bairncroft — 15
Ms. Joan Ingall, Superintendent
1612 Kings Road
Sydney, N.S. B1S 1E5
Phone 562-4284

Salvation Army Parkdale House — 15
Major Alma King, Superintendent
47 Byng Avenue
Sydney, N.S. B1P 5B9
Phone 562-5827

Adult Service Centres

Cape Breton Region

The Green Door Society Ltd. — 20
P.O. Box 266, Cheticamp, N.S. B0E 1H0
Manager: Georgina Poirier
Phone 224-2000

Northside Adult Service Centre — 30
Haley Street
North Sydney, N.S.
Manager: Marguerite Ratchford
Phone 794-3517

Regional Occupational Centre — 17
Vocational School Residence
P.O. Box 839
Port Hawkesbury, N.S. B0E 2V0
Manager: Trina Hughes
Phone 625-0132

Sydney Kinsmen Resource Centre 70
780 Prince Street
Sydney, N.S. B1P 5N6
Manager: Peggy Beaton
Phone 539-8553

Brass Tack Workshop 20
Box 444, Glace Bay, N.S. B1A 6B4
Manager: Shirley Romo

Central Region

Endale Industries 30
P.O. Box 222, Elmsdale, N.S. B0N 1M0
Manager: Mary Collier
Phone 883-9404

Windsor Adult Vocational Services Centre 20
P.O. Box 1075
184 King Street
Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
Manager: Dorothy Miller
Phone 798-5160

Beehive Adult Service Centre 30
Commercial Street
Aylesford, Kings Co., N.S. B0P 1C0
Manager: Bernie Jackson
Phone 427-9443

The Flower Cart 40
1196 Commercial Street
New Minas, N.S.
Manager: Jim Oulton
Phone 678-2478

Queens Adult Service Centre 35
P.O. Box 100, Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0
Manager: Murray Kirkpatrick
Phone 354-4830

The Ark Industries 40
RR #1, Bridgewater, Lunenburg Co., N.S. B4V 2V9
Manager: Ms. Kelly Bang
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Wolfville Workshop 15
Elm Ave., Box 2
Wolfville, N.S. B0P 1X0
Manager: Kevin West
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Revolving Door 40
Annapolis East C.A.M.R.
P.O. Box 45, Lawrencetown, N.S. B0S 1M0
Chairperson: Tom Porter
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Halifax Region

DASC Industries 80
10 Akerley Blvd., Suite 24
Burnside Industrial Park
Dartmouth, N.S. B3B 1J4
Manager: Pat Devlin
Phone 469-0856

Halifax Adult Service Centre 115
3430 Prescott Street
Halifax, N.S. B3K 4Y4
Manager: Ellen Baldin
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Anchor Industries 40
Sackville Industrial Park
61 Glendale Avenue
Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 3J7
Manager: Cathy Deagle
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North Shore Region

The Bridge Adult Service Centre 20
10 Croft Street
Amherst, N.S. B4H 2Z4
Manager: Mrs. Audrey Simpson
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Heatherton Adult Service Centre 8
P.O. Box 35, Heatherton, Antigonish Co., N.S. B0H 1R0
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Summer Street Industries 40
874 Summer Street
New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 3Z2
Manager: Jeri Egan
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Golden Opportunity Vocational and Rehabilitation Centre 20
25 King Street
Springhill, N.S. B0M 1X0
Manager: Mrs. Joanne Hunter
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CAMR Community Workshop — 25
83 Saint Ninian Street, Box 1330
Antigonish Co., N.S. B2G 1Y7
Manager: Mr. Leonard MacDonald
Phone 863-5024

Butler Adult Service Centre — 40
76 Lorne Street Extension
P.O. Box 396, Truro, N.S. B2N 5C5
Manager: Ann Cooper
Phone 895-5917

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Atelier de Clare — 11
Universite Ste. Anne
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Digby, N.S. B0W 1M0
Manager: Noland Belliveau
Phone 769-3202

The Conway Workshop — 15
RR #2, Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0
Manager: James Woods
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Kay Nickerson Adult Service Center — 30
83 Parade Street
Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B1
Manager: Hubert Devine
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J.O.B.S. Unlimited — 20
P.O. Box 1524, Truro, N.S. B2N 5V2
Manager: Duncan Randall
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New Leaf Enterprises — 25
3125 Kempt Road
Halifax, N.S. B3N 5N6
Manager: Joseph LeBlanc
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Lake City Industries
386 Windmill Road
Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 1J5
Manager: Christopher Fyles
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Inverness Cottage Workshop
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Inverness, N.S. B0E 1N0
Manager: Caroline MacLean
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Kentville	678-6176
Sydney	562-5507

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Annapolis	532-2337
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